

“Are you the one
who is to come, or
shall we look for
another?”
Matthew 11:3

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Third Sunday of Advent
Dec. 11, 2022



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES
 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 18
 Christmas Eve service – Dec. 24 @ 7:00 pm
 Nativity of Our Lord – Dec. 25

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Rosemary Keller	Kandi Null
Crucifer		Nathaniel Cuff
Acolyte		Joshua Cuff
Lector	Ken Hollinger	Kandi Null
Ushers	Fred & Crystal Lepley	Ken & Joan Hollinger
Musician	Dcn. Arica Demme	Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	Kandi Null	Kathy Miller
Sound Tech.	John Null	Terry Miller
Offering Counters	Ken Hollinger/Fred Lepley	Sandy Tippett/Lee Mills
Livestream	Mason & Sandy Tippett	Ray Kneisley/Judy & Lee Mills

	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Dcn. Arica Demme	Isaac Demme
Crucifer		
Acolyte		
Lector	Isaac Demme	Isaac Demme
Ushers	Jack McCarthy/Bob Thomas	Bill & Rose Bennett
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Dcn. Arica Demme
Altar Guild	Rosemary Keller	June Kreider
Sound Tech.	Chaz Stroup	Terry Miller
Offering Counters		Beth Birchall/Ken Hollinger
Livestream	Mark Wisler/Judy & Lee Mills	Ray Kneisley/Sandy Tippett

Dec. 4, 2022
ATTENDANCE - 63

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The third candle of the advent wreath is (often) pink in color, setting it apart from the other candles. The reason for the distinct color is that the third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete* Sunday – a word that means rejoice. This Sunday marks the point in the season in which there are more candles lit than not lit and draws upon the proclamation of John 1:5, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” The power of Jesus Christ gives cause for us to rejoice.



The candle we light this morning is called the Sheperds' Candle. As St. Luke records the birth of Christ, he tells us that “in that same region there were shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night.” (Luke 2:8) Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to them with glad tidings of Jesus' birth, followed by a whole company of angels.

When the angels left, the shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem and found the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes just as the angel had told them. They told Mary about their heavenly visit and Mary treasured their message in her heart. When the shepherds returned, they glorified and praised God for everything they had heard and seen.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 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

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 curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Let us pray . . .

As we light the third candle of our Advent wreath we give thanks to you, O God, for the shepherds whom your angels visited. May we, like them, be quick to run to Jesus. Cause us to find him in Word and Sacrament. Grant us peace and joy when we find Jesus in these places so that we, like the shepherds, may continue through life rejoicing in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The
Word
of God

The First Reading is from the 35th chapter of Isaiah

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 5th chapter of James

Second Reading: James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers,

take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is

greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version
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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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: 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. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

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

C: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "I Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re - joice - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day." The music is in a major key and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



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 righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

The assembly is seated.



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line and the second column starting on the second line. The lyrics are: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - For as in the be - gin - ning, Is to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re - peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

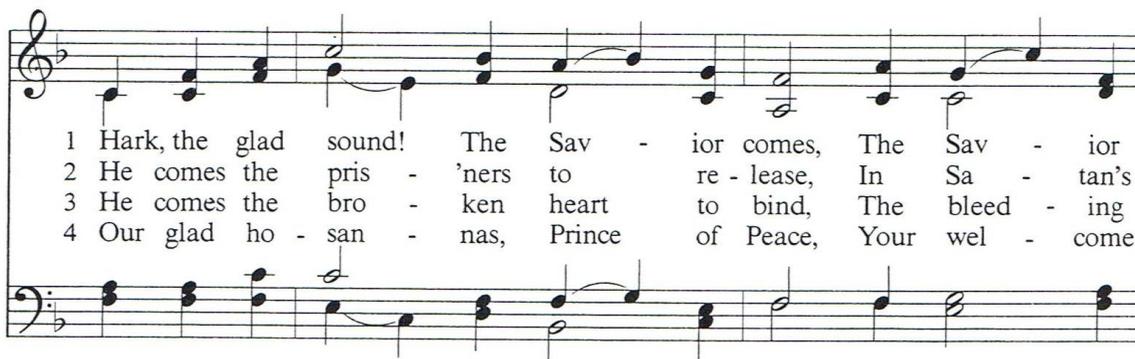
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

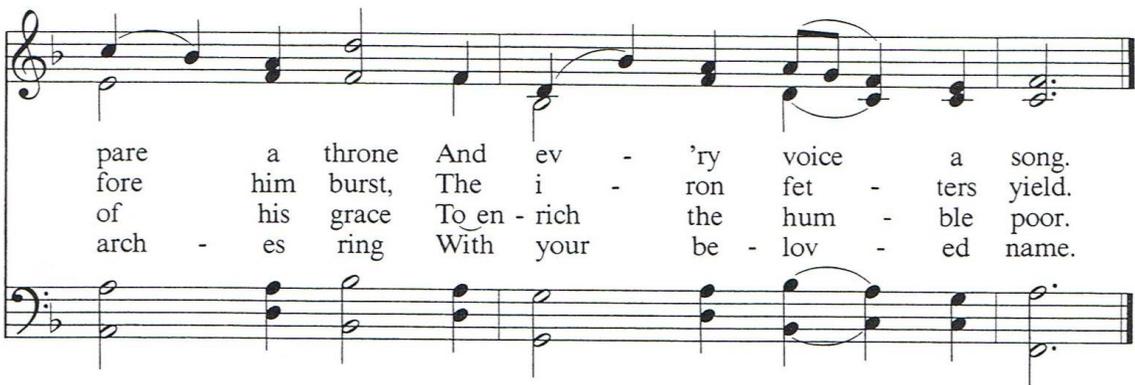
Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Tune: attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

COFFEE TIME

Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for the older youth class will meet after the worship service.

Facebook and Instagram Users

Help advertise our church and its activities by “liking” or following us in Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook page is [Reformation Lutheran Church NALC – Lancaster PA](#), and our Instagram page is [reformation.lutheran.church](#).



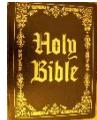
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

December Lunch Bunch will be on December 13 at 10:00 am in fellowship hall. We will have lunch at Longhorn Steak House at 11:30 am. Signup at the back of the church or call Judi Reeder 717 341 7821.

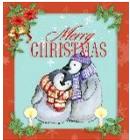


HASHING OUT THE SERMON

Adults are invited to an informal discussion with Pastor Mark of the sermon and the Scripture readings for today's worship upstairs in the Prayer room from 10:45-11:30 am.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE



Save postage and exchange Christmas cards with our church family. There are mail boxes with each family's name in the rear hallway behind the sanctuary. Don't forget to check your mailbox for any cards.

Please Plan ahead for the King Cake Event on January 7th.

This announcement seems early, but our King Cake* event comes up so quickly after Christmas that we would like you to plan ahead to come to this family event on January 7, 2023, from 11:00 to 1:30. Every family will make their own King Cake. Besides making the cake, we will have lunch and some other activities. We do need to know ahead of time because the yeast dough is made ahead of time. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.



*King Cakes originated in Europe as a celebratory food of the Feast of Epiphany or Twelfth Night Celebration which is January 6th (12 nights after Christmas).

Save The Date Fellowship Events

Fellowship is planning the following event – Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 18th: Cookies & Carols – Bring some cookies to share with the congregation and your singing voice. Ivan Wittel and Rose Keller will lead us in singing Christmas carols during coffee time.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING



We are beginning to plan for Christmas decorating. If anyone is interested in helping us decorate on Dec. 18th after the cookies and carols event please see June Kreider.

Winter Dinner Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 4:30 PM Church Fellowship Hall

Fellowship is hosting a Winter pot-luck dinner. There are **two sign-up sheets**. One sign-up is to let us know the name and number attending and the other is to let us know what you will bring to share. Fellowship will provide the entrée and place settings.



- (1) **Sign up** for a covered dish or drink that you will bring. The sign-up sheet is divided into categories (salad, dessert, beverages, etc.) and all you need to do is sign your name under the menu category that you will be providing.
- (2) **Sign-Up** for the Winter Dinner head count. Please sign your name and number attending on the Winter Dinner head count sheet.

Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner. See anyone on the fellowship committee if you have any questions.

UPCOMING SOCIAL MINISTRY EVENTS

There are two upcoming Church Events, supported by our congregation, with monetary contributions. They are our Christmas Stockings filled with goodies for our Homebound members and the Faith Friendship Villa Party, held there on Saturday Afternoon from 1 to 3 on 12/24. If you are able to help at the Faith Friendship Villa Party there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Church.



We will be assembling the Homebound and Faith Friendship Villa Gift Bags after Church downstairs, if you are able to help, Sunday 12/18. If you are able to deliver a Christmas Stocking to a Homebound member please pick up on 12/18.

Please place donations in wrapped box on table at rear of Church, or put in offering plate marked Christmas Gifts. The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank all for your continued support.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Altar guild	June Kreider	717-285-3241
Announcements	Rose Keller	717-333-1448
Assistant ministers	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Coffee Time	Joan Hollinger	717-684-8584
Funeral Luncheons	Rose Bennett	717-468-8106
Lectors	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Luther Lager League	Pastor Mark	717-947-4284
Prayer Requests	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Purl's Shawl Ministry	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Sound	Chaz Stroup	717-684-2760
Ushers	Rose Keller	717-333-1448

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND LIAISONS

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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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