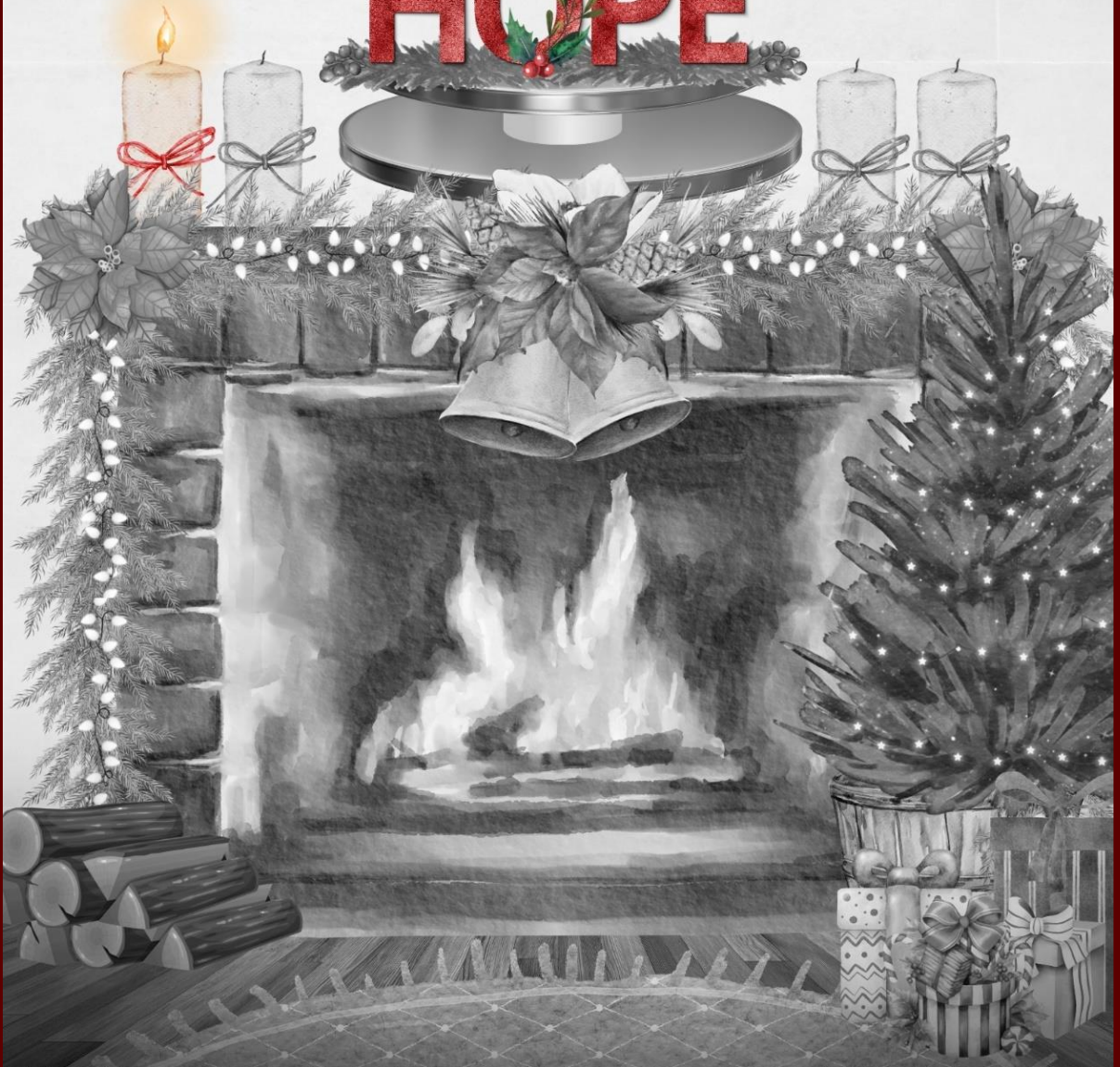


First Sunday
IN ADVENT

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T. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

First Sunday in Advent

November 30th & December 1st, 2024

The Season

Advent is Latin for “coming.” In the season of Advent, Christians observe the connection between the first time the Son of God came into our world as the Savior and the second time he will come as the Judge. Advent prepares our minds and hearts, so that we might soon celebrate a real Christmas.

The Sunday

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he would be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday prove that the Son of God was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation. That is precisely why Christ came.

Prayer before Worship

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Denis Lemke

Organist: Laura Schulz

Savior of the Nations, Come

CW 301

Stand for the 5th stanza



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

CW 305 sts. 1-2



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, his char - iot is hu -



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; the
mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our



he will bring; there - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
woe he brings; there - fore the earth is glad and sings. To



God the Fa - ther raise your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise your grate - ful hymns of praise.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Georg Weissel, 1590-1635
Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.
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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The LORD promised that a descendant of King David would be our righteous Savior.

¹⁴“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵“In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

The Word of the Lord.

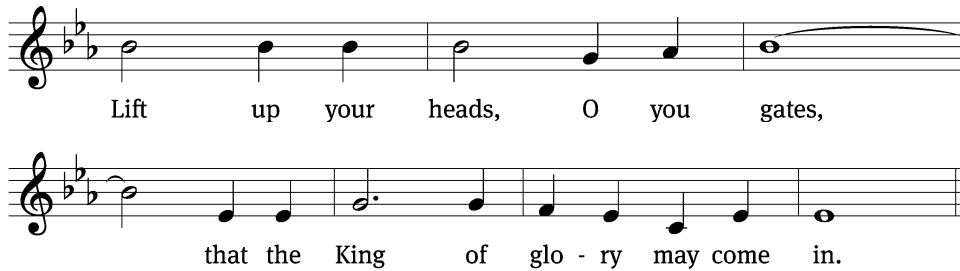
Thanks be to God.

Lift Up Your Heads

Psalm 24C

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation

Refrain



Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Lift up your heads, O you gates,
that the King of glo - ry may come in.

Tone



Musical notation for the Tone, consisting of a single staff of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a short, simple phrase.

The earth is the Lord's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;

for he founded it / on the seas

and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the Lord?

Who may stand in his / holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,

they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. Refrain

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is this King of / glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,

that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is he, this King of / glory?

The Lord Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

Tune: Bryan Gerlach

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Christ came the first time so that by his saving work we might be found blameless and holy when he comes again.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹²May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

We hear his call to watch.

We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

One Advent candle is lit.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing he would soon be put to death. This is why Christ came.

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

My Soul in Stillness Waits

CW 325



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



- 1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
- 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
- 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim - age;



your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
our thirst-y hearts are yearn-ing for your Word; come, make us
and in your ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re-
we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to



hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
us the path-way of your peace.

Sermon

Luke 21:25-36 The Advent of our Lord

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Offering: *God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.*

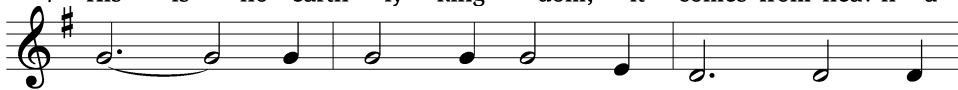


Prepare the Royal Highway

CW 302



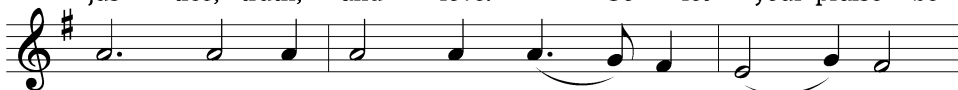
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -



near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a
King! Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread
King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom and



lev - el road ap - pear! Then greet the King of
gar - ments! Shout and sing! God's prom - ise will not
trib - ute too should bring. All lands, bow down be -
jus - tice, truth, and love. So let your praise be



glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
fore him! All na - tions, now a - dore him!
sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, as we forgive those
 hallowed be your name, who sin against us.
 your kingdom come, Lead us not into temptation,
 your will be done but deliver us from evil.
 on earth as in heaven. For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread. and the glory are yours
Forgive us our sins, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

The King of Glory Comes

CW 548

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.
O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.

1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,
He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God’s Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit wels.net/family-devotions to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its “moments”. That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at welscongregationalevices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don’t miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit wels.net/together to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you’re interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

Wednesdays 12/4, 12/11, & 12/13	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Service	<i>The Word Made Flesh</i> is the theme for this year’s series.
Sunday 12/8	9:30 am	Church Groundbreaking	Celebration and fellowship to follow in the gym.
Tuesday 12/24	4:00 pm		Lutheran Elementary School
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve	Sunday School

	10:00 pm		Candlelight Service
Wednesday 12/25	9:00 am	<i>Christmas Day</i>	Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday 12/31	6:00 pm	<i>New Year's Eve</i>	Service with Holy Communion

Choir for Special Services: Would you enjoy singing with a choir for the Church Groundbreaking Service? How about for the Christmas Candlelight Service and/or Christmas Day Worship? Speak with Pastor or Mrs. Henning, or Mike Baumann for more details. Rehearsals will be held after the Wednesday Thanksgiving Service (November 27, 6:30 pm service), and the Wednesday Advent Services (December 4, 11, & 18, 6:30 pm services). High School age members and older are invited.

Posters Available: We have three posters available for you to take and post anywhere you may think it would be helpful to promote our ground breaking service on 12/8, our midweek advent services, and our Christmas Eve services. The posters are in the beck of church. Please take as many as you would like.

Church Groundbreaking: Ground breaking for the new church will be next Sunday, December 8. We will hold a special service at 9:30 am in church, followed by the rite for ground breaking on the church site. After the service, we will gather in the school gym for a celebration. This means there will be only one worship service next Sunday morning. Sunday school and Bible hour will meet at 8:15 that morning.

Thank the Lord for his blessing on this endeavor.

Christmas Concert at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: The Seminary Chorus, a 70-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wisluthsem.org.

Time and Talent Forms: As an opportunity to thank God for blessing you with time and abilities, as a chance to work together with your fellow believers, and as a way to save on costs for the new church building, Time and Talent forms are available in the back of church and in the office. Please fill out the form if you are interested in volunteering and return it to the box in the back of church or to the office. The back of the form is for expressing interest in bidding for various aspects of the building. If you know anyone who is in the trades and would like to bid on the project, please take a form and pass it on to them.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Harley Schultz – 12/1

Tessa Homuth – 12/7

CALENDAR



Readings for December 1st - December 8th 2024

DEC 01	DEC 02	DEC 03	DEC 04
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Isaiah 7:10-8:8 1 Peter 3:1-22	Isaiah 8:9-9:7 1 Peter 4:1-19	Isaiah 9:8-10:11 1 Peter 5:1-14	Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33, 34 2 Peter 1:1-21
Worship 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am		Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir Practice - after service
DEC 05	DEC 06	DEC 07	DEC 08
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Isaiah 11:1-12:6 2 Peter 2:1-22	Isaiah 14:1-23 2 Peter 3:1-18	Isaiah 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14	Isaiah 24:14-25:12 Obadiah 1-21 1 John 2:15-29
Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 6:30 pm		Preschool Christmas Program - 10:00 am Piano Students @ Festival of Trees - 4 pm Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm	Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am (Groundbreaking Service) Groundbreaking Celebration - 10:30 am Piano: Festival of Trees - 11:00 am

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