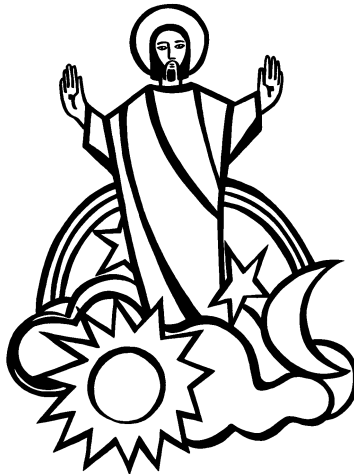




December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent
Online Guest Form



Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Creator of the Stars of Night" (Richard Warner) Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE: "Orgelstuckein F" (Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck)

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

Amen.

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Pitchkos (8:30) Seitzes (11:00)

In the midst of our own encounters ... when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

*HYMN: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

(verse 1)

WOV 630



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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*THE GREETING

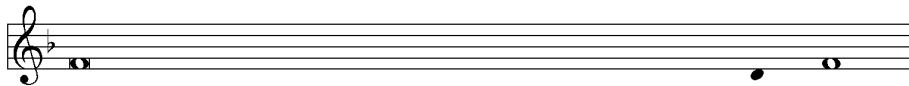
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



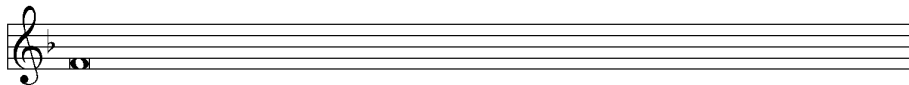
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



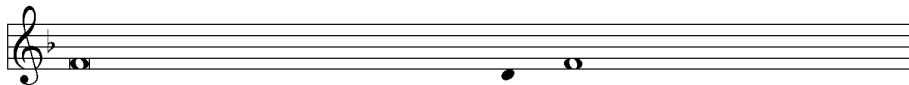
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **B** A - men

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **B** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **B** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **B** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all crea - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*THE SALUTATION

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK

Jack Hausen, *Shepherd's Fold*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your

name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Berry

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): "Canticle for Advent" (Lloyd Larson)

Organ Solo (11:00): "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (arr. C. Callahan)

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God our provider,

by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

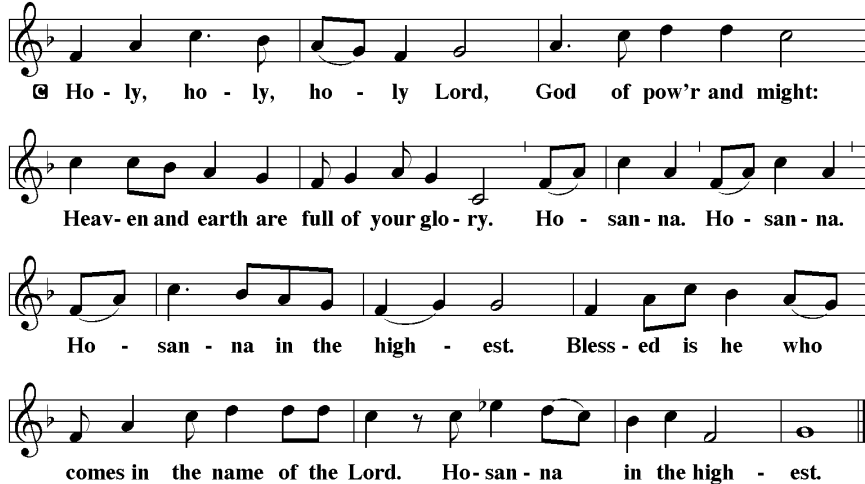
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

***THE SANCTUS**



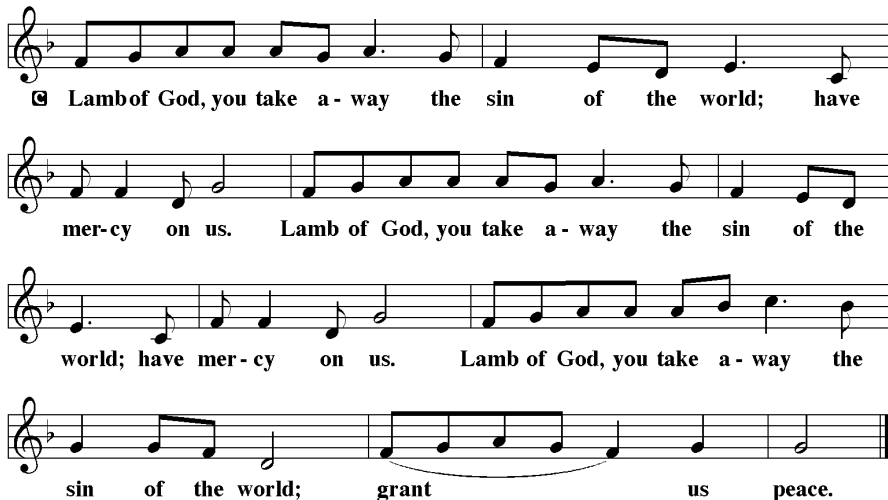
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



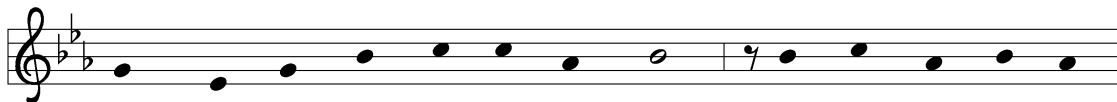
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



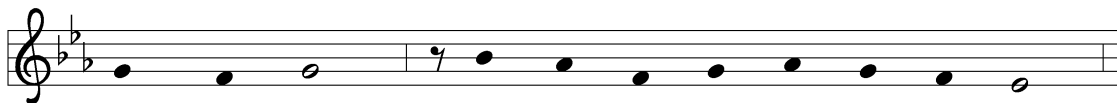
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

HYMN: "Creator of the Stars of Night"

ELW 245



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV

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HYMN: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW 294 (not printed)

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

*THE SENDING HYMN “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

ELW 435/LBW 27



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



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



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. David Paxton)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to Prayers of the Church during the service

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Gary and Linda Heideman in gratitude for their family and in celebration of the birthdays of their daughter Valerie and their son Andrew later this month, and in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary later this month.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome. *New! The nursery is now equipped with a flatscreen TV showing the service in progress.*

ALL ARE INVITED to a reception and coffee in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the hiring of organist Melanie Payne.

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY. Mid-week Advent Services of Worship begin this Wednesday, December 6 at Noon & 7 p.m. Unless otherwise designated, Advent offerings will go toward Shepherd's Fold.

25th ANNUAL RING AND SING is December 10 at 6:30 p.m. Several music groups will be participating along with the ever-popular audience participation ring-along. Monetary donations at the door support the Madison Public Library.

THERE ARE "WELL LOVED" (GREEN) LBW HYMNALS in the Narthex for anyone who would like one. All-Saints Lutheran Church graciously gifted their (RED) *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnals to MLC as part of their closure. The (RED) ELW hymnals are now in the pews for use during worship.

MLC's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING MALL runs through December 24. Giving Mall instructions, forms and Gift Cards are located at the "Mission Control Center in the Narthex."

A WARM & WOOLY POP-UP SALE is next Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Handmade hats, shawls, and other items for winter wear and gift giving will be available. 100% of sales will support the *Lunches for Learning* school lunch and nutrition program in Honduras.

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS / POINSETTIA FORM is up and running online. Scan the QR code on the next page or visit <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/2023-Christmas-Flowers>. Paper forms are also available in the pew or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please return by Dec. 11.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels 27 x 52

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt Meredith Kilby
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand

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MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for

"sensitive matters". If in doubt call the church office.

FOOD PANTRY Mac & Cheese

<u>Acolyte</u>	Leonardo Diaz (8:30) Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Greeters</u>	Gary & Linda Heideman (8:30) (11:00)
<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30) Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Ushers</u>	Joe Huwaldt, Bruce Peter (8:30) Bruce Machamer, Bill Holbrook (11:00)
<u>Cantor</u>	Andrew King
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt (8:30) Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Tech Desk</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30) Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday In Advent

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Welcome reception for Melanie Payne
- 12:00 p.m. - MOMs pack Weekend Food Bags
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, December 6

- 12:00 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens Service of Worship - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Dorothy Seitz - Stouffer's Lasagna / Mac'n Cheese
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 7:00 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens Service of Worship
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday In Advent

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:30 a.m. - "Warm & Wooly" Pop Up Handmade Market
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - Rehearsal for Dec 17 Service - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper
- 6:30 p.m. - 25th Annual Ring & Sing Concert

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin
- December 10 - 25th Annual Ring & Sing Concert, "Warm & Wooly" Pop Up Handmade Market
- December 17 - Children & Youth led Worship (during both Services of Worship)

Attendance:

November 19 Online: - 102 November 26 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 74, 11:00 a.m. - 63

Volunteer Sign Up



Give Online!



Christmas Flowers Form

