



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Our Mission:**  
To make disciples  
by Baptizing and  
Teaching about Jesus.

**Rev. Michael S. Taylor**  
*Pastor*

**Mrs. Susan L. Taylor**  
*Accompanist*

**Debbie Bright,**  
*Reader*

**John Niemla,  
Ted Kelly,**  
*Ushers*

**Dale Klobusnik,**  
*Elder of the Day*

**Ed Podpora,**  
*Elder*



### *The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace*

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “*shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.*” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**DECEMBER 22, 2024**



Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

**Today is the is the Fourth Sunday of Advent...** the “Peace Candle” is lit, reminding us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people's hearts. Without Christ, there is no peace in this world; “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; ... And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” - Isaiah 9:6

**God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood...** invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

### **Opening Hymn LSB 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

# Confession and Absolution

*Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 186*

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Hebrews 10:22*

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

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

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

*Matthew 5:23-24*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

**P** My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.  
My mouth derides my | enemies,\*  
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
There is none holy | like YAHWEH;\*  
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.  
The barren has borne | seven,\*  
but she who has many children | is forlorn.  
YAHWEH kills and | brings to life;\*

he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.  
YAHWEH makes poor and | makes rich; \*  
he brings low and | he exalts.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P** My soul magni- | fies the Lord, \*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186; Mark 10:47*

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 5:2–5a*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of YAHWEH,  
in the majesty of the name of YAHWEH his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

“SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,  
BUT A BODY HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR ME;

<sup>6</sup>IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SIN OFFERINGS  
YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

<sup>7</sup>THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD,  
AS IT IS WRITTEN OF ME IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK.’”

*Psalm 40:6-8*

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “YOU HAVE NEITHER DESIRED NOR TAKEN PLEASURE IN SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND BURNT OFFERINGS AND SIN OFFERINGS” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:46–56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>AND HIS MERCY IS FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM  
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

*Psalm 103:17*

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

*Psalm 107:9*

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*



## Sermon Hymn LSB 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 spect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



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A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; (sts. 1-4); tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; (st. 5); tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77  
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### Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand.*

## Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

*Psalm 51:10-12*

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Please stand.*

## Prayer of the Church

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 1:36*  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13*

- 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Cor 11:26*
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Rev. 2:20*

## Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. *LSB 197; John 20:19*
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198; John 1:29*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

*Please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199; Luke 2:29-32*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200; Psalm 107:1*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

*Please be seated.*

### Closing Hymn LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



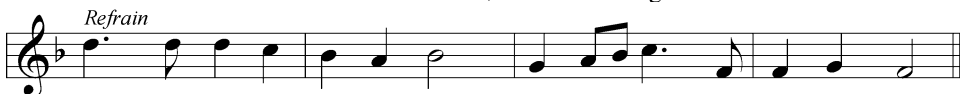
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

# PARISHSCOPE

**TODAY Quarterly Voters' Meeting...** on Sunday Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please join us!

**Ping Pong Fellowship...** meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

**Pastor's Evening Bible Study...** is taking a break for the Christmas season. We will resume our study on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us as part of your New Year's Resolution!

season. This service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live streamed on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion and uploaded usually the next day to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176 Service bulletins are posted on our website: holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents . Please join us in person whenever you are able.

**Women's Bible Study...** is taking a break for the Christmas seasoning until January 9<sup>th</sup>. Then we will resume every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center continuing our study of Ruth and Esther.



**Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service...** will be held Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this joyful, intimate service to hear and sing the angel's message to the shepherds:

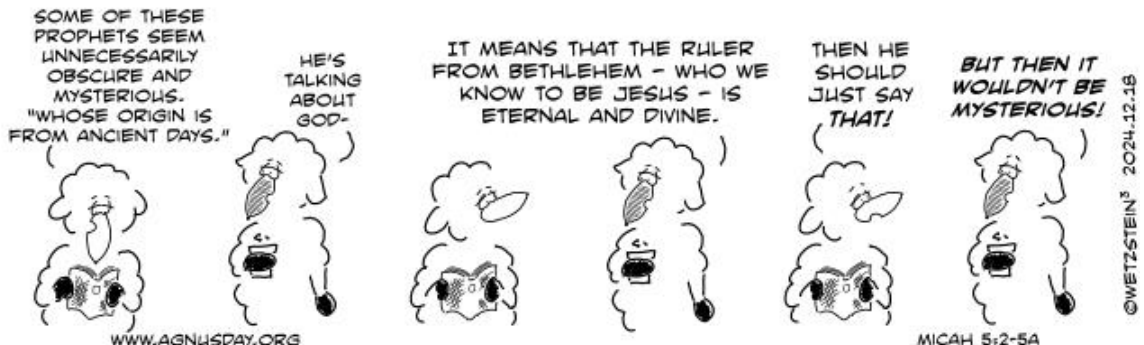
*"Good News of great joy that will be for all the people:  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the LORD."*

**LWML Cookie Boxes...** thanks to our generous donors, the LWML has raised \$425.00 toward a new stove for our church's kitchen! Glory be to God!!

**SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

**Souper Sunday...** is coming January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date!!! This will be our next LWML **FUN**draiser. Please see Carolyn (next month!) if you would like to donate a crock of homemade soup or baked some homemade bread for this event.



# PRAYER GUIDE

## Those needing healing...

Ken Counasse

Linda Evans, John Niemla's  
sister

Jane Hutchinson, Alice  
Frndak's sister-in-law

Renee & Alyssa Isham

Pastor Blaine Jorg

Polly Klobusnik

Ken Lewis, Tammy

Podpora's Dad

Carolyn Lindenmuth

Emily Marler (daughter of  
Pastor & Susan Taylor)

Shelby, Tracy & Patricia  
Metzenbacher

Jeff & John Metka

(Susan Taylor's brothers)

John Niemla

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Ray & Carol Struchen

Russell Struchen

Virginia Taylor (mother of  
Pastor Taylor)

## Extended Needs...

Evelyn Stevens

## Those in the Armed Services...

Jennifer Attridge

Adam Crosby

Julie Evans

Christopher Fromknecht

Christina Guthrie

Violette Hosack

Nate Lawrence

Joe Moore

John Parmarter

Thomas Reiser

Timothy Reiser

Taylor Sisson

Jarrold White

## 47th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

Featuring special guest speaker



### KAYLEE STOCKTON

Teen mom, pro-life activist,  
school shooting survivor

**January 18, 2025**

The Pro-Life Breakfast will be held at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier, on Saturday, January 18, 2025. The doors will open at 8 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Come early and browse our information and merchandise displays. Complimentary babysitting with entertaining activities for children of all ages will be available during the speaking program. Reservations are Teens & Adults, \$28; Ages 3-12, \$22; Under 3 Years, no cost. Holy Trinity typically sponsors several tables, please see Carolyn if you are interested in attending this year's event with us.



## Schedule for this week

Dec. 23 - Dec. 29:

### Mon. Dec. 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

### Tuesday Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm **Christmas Eve**

**Candlelight Service**

### Wed. Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day

NO Office Hours

**Feliz Navidad!**

**Joyeux Noel!**

**Merry Christmas!**

### Thurs. Dec. 26

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

### Friday Dec. 27

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

### Saturday Dec. 28

### Sunday Dec. 29 ~ Christmas 1

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Choir Practice**

### Temple Servants for Sun. Dec. 22:

**Reader** – Debbie Bright

**Ushers** – John Niemla, Ted Kelly

**Elder of the Day** – Dale Klobusnik

**Elder** – Ed Podpora

**Altar Guild** – Carolyn Counasse

**Liturgical Color**—Purple

### Kitchen Admin. for December –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

### No Birthdays and Anniversaries