



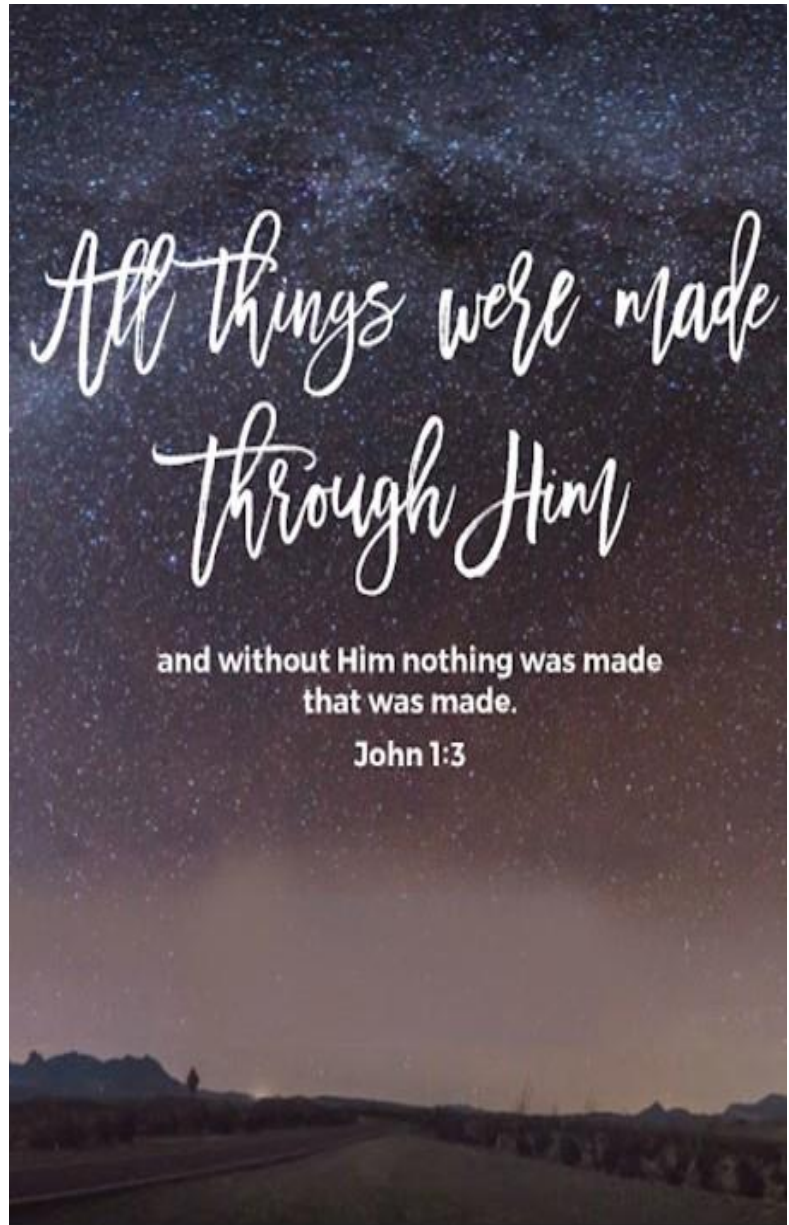
**Holy
Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

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

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Pastor

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Usher



First Wednesday in Advent

DECEMBER 4, 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 First Wednesday of Advent... a season of repentance, waiting and watching, looks forward in hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in the flesh in history to accomplish our salvation, will also return in the same way to be our judge on the last day and bring us into eternal life.

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 349 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, Thy wel - come



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



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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.** *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** 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 100

- P** ¹Make a joyful noise to YAHWEH, | all the earth!*
²Serve YAHWEH with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
³Know that YAHWEH, | he is God!*
 It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.
⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*
 Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
⁵For YAHWEH is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
 and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

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** ¹Make a joyful noise to YAHWEH, | all the earth!*
²Serve YAHWEH with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–9

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. .

⁷BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and EVERY EYE WILL SEE HIM, EVEN THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM, and all tribes of the earth WILL WAIL ON ACCOUNT OF HIM. Even so. Amen.

Isaiah 40:5; Isaiah 52:8; Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 12:10

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–5

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

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 338 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, 1707-88, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
Text and tune: Public domain

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.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 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... 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 ∇ 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."

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.

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 2:39-32

- 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 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
Tune: German, 14th cent.
Text and tune: Public domain

PARISHSCOPE



Advent Soup Suppers... Each Wednesday in December at 6:30 pm we will be serving a light meal leading into the Midweek Advent Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. The dates are Wed. Dec. 11th and 18th. If you would like to provide one of these meals, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Please come enjoy food and fellowship in preparation for the Christmas 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. Join us in person whenever you are able.

NO Women's Bible Study... tomorrow Dec. 5th. We will resume Dec 12th at 9:30 am in the Family Center.
Budget Planning Meeting... to be held on Thursday December 5th will be rescheduled.

PARISHSCOPE

LOOKING AHEAD...

THIS SUNDAY Church Decorating for Christmas... will begin immediately after the 10 AM service. This fun family activity allows us to adorn our Sanctuary and Family Center for the holiday season. We need strong people for hauling & lifting! We will enjoy holiday music and nut rolls! Please join us!

LWML Meeting... please join us for a very important session **next Sunday December 8 at 11 am**, immediately following the 10 am Communion Service. Lisa Kelly has agreed to become our chapter president, and we need to discuss her nomination and hopefully vote her into office. We also want to discuss her suggestion for our Christmas Cookie Fundraiser to purchase a commercial oven for the church kitchen. This baking event will take place on **Saturday December 14th** for all those interested.

Choir Practice... will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service in the front of the church near the piano. In addition to several songs to be sung during Advent services, we are practicing to sing for the residents of the **Edinboro Manor on Thursday December 12th at 2:00 p.m.**, as well as **the Preschool Christmas Program on Thursday December 19th at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us!

Fellowship/Ping Pong... continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Christmas Wrapping Party... Monday Dec 16th at 9 am to wrap presents for our preschool students.

Annual Preschool Christmas Program... You are invited to the annual Christmas Program presented on Thurs. Dec. 19th. This year our Choir will begin singing at 6:30 p.m., leading into the Preschool program at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served immediately following in the Family Center. Come meet the families, hear & see what the kids are learning about the birth of Baby Jesus.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting... on Sunday Dec. 22 at 11 am, immediately following the 10 am Service.



Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service... will be held Wednesday December 24th 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."

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include:

- **Progressive Christianity,**
- **Christian Identity vs. Identity Politics**
- **The Hymn "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"**
- **The Season of Advent** and more.

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REMEMBER TO LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW...

- ✦ **When you change your address, contact info, enter college or begin military service...** provide us with your new contact information as soon as possible, so we can keep you informed with Holy Trinity news.
- ✦ **When you are hospitalized or need pastoral care...** notify the church office in advance, or have a family member contact us, so that we may provide pastoral care and support.
- ✦ **When you are physically unable to attend church regularly...** contact us so that we may provide pastoral care and support.
- ✦ **When you have a notice for the weekly ParishScope or monthly Holy Trinity Newsletter...** please submit your information in plenty of time to meet deadlines. Sunday bulletin deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please keep bulletin notices *brief*. The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the prior month. *The church office may edit items submitted as necessary.*
- ✦ **When you have special prayer requests...** prayer requests may be submitted to the church office or written on the Friendship Pad located in the pew rack and placed in the offering plate.
- ✦ **When you would like to schedule a wedding or a baptism...** please call the pastor.
- ✦ **When funeral or memorial services are needed...** please make arrangements with the pastor.
- ✦ **When you need to reserve part of the building...** facility use requests are available from the church office and must be submitted in as far advance as possible. The Board of Trustees considers them during their monthly business meetings.

I LOVE THE PROLOGUE
IN JOHN! IT'S SO
MYSTERIOUS -- IT'S
PERFECT FOR
CHRISTMAS!



A LONG TIME AGO
IN A GALAXY
FAR FAR AWAY...



YEAHHH -- THAT'S
THE WRONG
PROLOGUE.



JOHN 1:1-14

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
Carolyn Lindenmuth
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



Thank you to all who donated to Christmas Gifts for Preschool Kids...

This Sunday we exceeded our goal to purchase a toy Noah's Ark playset for each of our 26 preschool students. The playsets will be coupled with a personalized comforter for each of the children donated by a very generous church member. You are invited to see the excitement of the children as they receive these gifts from Santa Claus at their annual Christmas parties on December 19 and 20 at 11 a.m. in the Family Center. The balance of the donation will be saved for Christmas gifts to be presented in the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for your generosity toward our students!

Lutheran Heritage Foundation...

Last Sunday we welcomed Rev. Robert Marshall of the LHF who shared with us their mission of translating and publishing books explaining the Bible for all people in languages they can understand. We are pleased to announce you gave a total of \$245.00 to continue to translate, publish and distribute books central to the Lutheran faith free of charge to your brothers and sisters around the world. Well done!

LWML Nuts Rolls... despite the less than stellar appearance of the Nut Rolls baked last Saturday, we were able to clear \$545.00 to support our seminarian student & his family. Again, well done!

Schedule for this week

Dec. 5 - Dec. 11:

Thurs. Dec. 5

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**
6:00 pm **Budget Planning Mtg.**

Friday Dec. 6

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday Dec. 7

Sunday Dec. 8 ~ Advent 2

9:00 am **Bible Study**
10:00 am **Communion Service**
11:00 am **Church Decorating, LWML Mtg., Choir Practice**

Mon. Dec. 9

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
6:00 pm **Fellowship/Ping Pong**

Tuesday Dec. 10

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
6:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study**

Wednesday Dec. 11

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
1:00 pm **ParishScope Deadline**
6:30pm **Advent Soup Supper**
7:00 pm **Communion Service**

Temple Servants for Sun. Dec. 8:

Reader – Rick Petsch
Ushers – Dale Klobusnik, Ted Kelly
Elder of the Day – John Nielma
Elder – Chuck Stevens
Altar Guild – Nancy Kingston
Liturgical Color – Purple
Kitchen Admin. for December – Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Corinna Thorhauer (b) 12/7

