



## 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*

**Rick Petsch,**  
*Reader*

**Dale Klobusnik,  
Ted Kelly,**  
*Ushers*

**John Niemla,**  
*Elder of the Day*

**Chuck Stevens,**  
*Elder*



### *Incaruate by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary and Made Man*

*“It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” (Heb. 10:4). But “nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:37). He opens ears to hear and wombs to conceive. “Let it be to me according to your word,” says St. Mary (Luke 1:38). The Most High who once dwelt in the tabernacle comes to overshadow Mary, who believes the angel’s “annunciation” (Luke 1:35). “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). In Jesus Christ, God is with us — even from the moment of His conception. This miracle, that Mary should become the mother of God, will be a sign against the proud in Israel; it is the fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah and David. “I delight to do your will, O my God,” says Christ (Psalm 40:8). From Mary’s flesh, the Most High has prepared a body for His Son (Heb. 10:5), a body to be offered “once for all” as the sacrifice that alone takes away sins and gives a righteousness apart from the Law (Heb. 10:10). Through His conception, life and death, we have been sanctified. God favors us in this child. And like the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed “are those who hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28).*



## Second Sunday in Advent

**DECEMBER 8, 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 Second Sunday of Advent...** a season of repentance, looking forward in hope that Christ, Who came in the flesh in history to accomplish our salvation, will 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.

## PARISHSCOPE

---

**TODAY 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!

**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 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**, as well as **the Preschool Christmas Program on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us!

**LWML Meeting...** please join us for a very important session **TODAY 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 14<sup>th</sup>** for all those interested.

**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.



**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. 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. 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/HolyTLAbion 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.

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn LSB 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day                      △ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,                      Who comes to set us free,  
The sinful self be put away,                      With Father, Spirit, ever one  
The new self now put on.                      Through all eternity.

*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.

## Sharing the Peace

*Matthew 5:23-24*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

**P** The voice of one crying in the | wilderness: \*  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”  
Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you! \*  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!  
I am YAHWEH your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt. \*  
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.  
But my people did not listen | to my voice; \*  
Israel would not sub- | mit to me.  
Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me, \*  
that Israel would walk | in my ways!

**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** The voice of one crying in the | wilderness: \*  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

### 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:1–7a*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says YAHWEH of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day

of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to YAHWEH. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to YAHWEH as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says YAHWEH of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>"For I YAHWEH do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:26–38*

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

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

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most

High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**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 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.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51  
Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820  
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.

*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*

**G** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

## Closing Hymn LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.  
Text and tune: French  
Text and tune: Public domain

## PARISHSCOPE

**Women's Bible Study...** every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center studying Ruth and Esther.

**Council Meeting...** Thursday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Christmas Wrapping Party...** Monday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to wrap presents for our preschool students.

**Choir Singing at Edinboro Manor...** on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the Manor itself.

**Annual Preschool Christmas Program...** You are invited to the annual Christmas Program presented on Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



# PARISHSCOPE

**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 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."*

**Pastor's Evening Bible Study will be taking a break...** for the Christmas season. We will resume our study on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

**Women's Bible Study will also be taking a break...** for the Christmas season. We will resume our study of the Books of Ruth and Esther on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTIANITY & OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS...** Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology, Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/worldreligions](https://issuesetc.org/worldreligions).



*The Annunciation of our Lord commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the blessed Virgin Mary, announcing that the eternal Son of God would take up human flesh in her womb and, in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy, be born of a virgin. His message declared that God showed undeserved kindness to Mary and, by faith in His Word, Christ was conceived in her. In this way, she is a godly example of faith for us also — how a Christian hears the Words and promises of God and says, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." - Luke 1:38.*

"TO HELP YOU DETERMINE WHAT REALLY MATTERS..."  
WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO HAVE CLARITY ON THAT?



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

IT'S LOVE.



\*SOME TRANSLATIONS: "WHAT IS BEST"

WHAT?



IT'S LOVE,  
LOVE IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS.



THAT SEEMS TOO EASY.



IS IT?



PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

©WETZSTEIN 2024.12.04

## 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*

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

Last Sunday we exceeded our goal to purchase a Noah's Ark playset for each of our 26 preschool students.

The playsets will be coupled with a personalized comforter for each child 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 from the donation will be saved for gifts to be presented in the 2025-2026 school year. Thanks for your generosity for our youngest students of the Word!

### **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 we baked last Saturday, we were still able to clear \$640.00 to support our seminarian student Zachary Tews & his family. Again, thank you and well done!



## Schedule for this week

Dec. 9 - Dec. 15:

### **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**

### **Thurs. Dec. 12**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

6:00 pm **Council Mtg.**

### **Friday Dec. 13**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

### **Saturday Dec. 14**

### **Sunday Dec. 15 ~ Advent 3**

9:00 am **Bible Study**

10:00 am **Communion Service**

11:00 am **Choir Practice**

### **Temple Servants for Sun. Dec. 15:**

**Reader** – Dale Klobusnik

**Ushers** – Ed Podpora,  
Chuck Stevens

**Elder of the Day** – Chuck Stevens

**Elder** – Dale Klobusnik

**Altar Guild** – Carolyn Lindenmuth

**Liturgical Color**—Blue

**Kitchen Admin. for December** –

Debbie Bright 814-746-0132

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries...**

*Pastor and Susan Taylor (a) 12/16*