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Welcome Visitors!

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. The word "communion" means "union with" and it is an appropriate name since in the Lord's Supper we celebrate the union which exists between:

- 1) Ourselves and Jesus Christ,
- 2) Each other through our unity of faith,
- 3) The bread and the body of Christ, and
- 4) The wine and the blood of Christ.

To receive this Sacrament in a worthy manner, it is necessary that a person believe:

- 1) That he is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness,
- 2) That forgiveness is given to us through the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and
- 3) That the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Sacrament.

If you truly believe this but have never received the Sacrament at this church, please speak to the pastor before coming to the altar.

Also, to help ensure that you commune in what Scripture calls a "worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27), meaning in a manner consistent with Jesus' institution, and not to your harm, please prayerfully read through the "Christian Questions and Answers" for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, found on pages 329-330 in "Lutheran Service Book". This is the basis of our preparation of youth to receive the Lord's Supper, and it is always a most appropriate way for us to renew our knowledge of the Sacrament and to rekindle the devotion and piety of repentance and faith as we come to the Lord's Table.

White grape juice is available in the rose-colored cups, located in the center of each tray, for those who do not wish to consume alcohol.

As We Gather

On the second Sunday in Advent we hear a voice rise up calling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is not meant to be the voice of terror but the promised voice of comfort. God is coming to His people to announce an end to their warfare, the pardon of their sins, and the promise of a whole new future. Once this voice was the voice of John insisting he was not the one but was preparing for the One who is mightier than he. Voices still proclaim the comfort of the Lord and the grace that forgives sins---not as someone to come but as the One who came for us and our salvation. Today we not only listen for our own sake, but we listen so that we may speak into the world the grace of Him who came before He comes again.

Serving Today

December 6, 2020

Head Usher: Doug Morgeson

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Greeters: Alberto and Kenia Martinez

Altar Guild: Dianne Estes, Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

✠ Second Sunday in Advent ✠

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Opening Hymn

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331



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
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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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.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”
¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon

"Prepare to Meet Someone Special"

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Hymn

"When All the World Was Cursed"

LSB 346, sts. 1, 3



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.

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Please stand

Nicene Creed

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! As You led Joseph like a flock, so now by Your Son lead us into straight paths. Bring us out of the bondage of our sins and plant us securely in Your eternal promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, in Your blessed patience, You send Your prophets and apostles, pastors and teachers in all times, that sinners would not perish but rather reach repentance and find comfort in Your Word, which alone will stand forever. Preserve the servants of Your Church. Give to our congregation and all congregations an increase of hope, that we may await the revealing of the new heavens and new earth in lives of holiness and godliness, diligent to be found without spot or blemish and at peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, preserve Your gift of marriage against the ravages of sin, the schemes of the devil and the raging of the world. Bless the couples and families of our congregation. Strengthen them in love and care for one another, and establish them on the foundation of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all comfort, Your Word alone endures forever. The nations of the world come and go before You. Even kings and rulers are like grass before Your breath. Preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men. Give us leaders who will rule after Your good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life, that we may live in godly quietness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, graciously regard all for whom we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You once prepared the way of Your only begotten Son through the preaching and baptism of John. Prepare now Your baptized Christians with true repentance and faith that seeks the forgiveness of sins, that they would worthily eat and drink Christ's true body and blood in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life. During this time, the collection basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Please stand

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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 161

C 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.

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- 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.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

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

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** Amen.

☐ 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.

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.*

Distribution Hymns

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515

1 Re-joice, re-joice, be-liev-ers, And let your lights ap-pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain Pro-claim the Bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa-tience Their cross and suf-f'rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex-pec-ta-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear;
 The eve-ning is ad-vanc-ing, And dark-er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap-proach-es, With al-le-lu-ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for-ev-er When sor-row is no more.
 A-rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.
 The Bride-groom is a-ris-ing And soon is draw-ing nigh.
 The mar-riage feast is wait-ing; The gates wide o-pen stand.
 A-round the throne of glo-ry The Lamb they shall be-hold;
 With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, We plead, O Lord, to see
 Up, pray and watch and wres-tle; At mid-night comes the cry.
 A-rise, O heirs of glo-ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 In tri-umph cast be-fore Him Their di-a-dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re-demp-tion That sets Your peo-ple free!

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LSB 338



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.

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Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

LSB 352



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.

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Serving Next Sunday

December 13, 2020

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This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Bob Frank (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Bob Frank (masks optional)

Tuesday: 6:30pm Choir rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm Elders' Meeting

Wednesday: 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday: 6:00 pm Dorcas Society / LWML Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

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ABOUT JOHN'S
WARDROBE AND
DIET...



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HE'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ON THE
EDGE OF SURVIVAL, ANTICIPATING
THE COMING OF SALVATION.



AND SHOPPING
LOCAL!



MARK 1:1-8

Announcements

December 6, 2020

Pastoral Call Selection

We will hold a Special Congregation Voters' Meeting **Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 1:30 pm** to vote the call selection. Each household will receive a letter from the call committee. The letter includes the names of each candidate and a short biography to give you a chance to prayerfully consider the candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Selk.

Angel Tree

This year Our Savior Lutheran will once again be supporting a local family during the Christmas season with our angel tree. The angel tree is located in the Narthex and has many angel tags available. If you would like to help support this local family, please take as many angel tags as you wish from the tree and purchase the item on the angel. Once you have purchased those items, please return the gift, along with the angel tag attached. This year we are asking that you please wrap the gift or place it in a gift bag before returning it to church. All gifts are due no later than Sunday, December 20. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Brenna and she will gladly do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please contact Brenna Schroeder. Thank you!

Breakfast Blessings

On Wednesday, December 23, 2020 members of OSLC will be assembling and delivering breakfast casseroles to those within our community. The goal of this outreach is to share the hope, love and joy we have because of Jesus' birth. We are doing this by fulfilling a basic need, praying that through this meal our neighbors would know that we as the church are here to love and serve one another. We invite you to get involved with this outreach. Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Volunteer to help with the assembling and delivering of the casseroles.
- Donate fiscally to support this outreach.
- Complete the form on the other side for someone you know that would be blessed by a breakfast casserole this Christmas season.

Please contact Sara Seyfert (815.471.8296) or Olivia Harms (815.471.9072) to volunteer. Forms need to be returned to church by Tuesday, December 17th, simply place them in Olivia's mailbox. To donate simply note on your check that it is for Breakfast Blessings.

Choir Practice

As we prepare for the Comfort, Hope & Joy event, choir practice will be held Tuesday December 8 and December 15 evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Theta Lee. Hope to see you there!!!

Dorcas Society / LWML Secret Sister Reveal

The Dorcas Society / LWML will hold their annual Secret Sister Reveal and Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10, 2020 beginning at 6:00p. Your hostesses for the evening will be Jennifer Morgeson, Carolyn Reed and Joyce Williams. The evening will be packed with "OOHS" and "AAHS", laughter and of course, more goodies than we can count. See you there!!!

Scrip Orders

Order forms and payment are due to the Church Office today assist with those last minute gifts. The Gift Cards will arrive and be distributed that same week. Please consider supporting the youth (and future leaders of the congregation) in this simple way!

Comfort, Hope, & Joy - A Facebook Live Event!

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford will be hosting a Facebook live event on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 4:00p featuring musicians from within the congregation, along with scripture readings, prayers, and words of inspiration. There will also be a virtual Christmas hymn sing! This is an informal opportunity to relax, enjoy some uplifting music, and to strengthen our faith and hope in Christ, all from the comfort of your own home. This is only available on Facebook so make sure you like the Our Savior Lutheran Church Facebook page by going to www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran.

Our Savior Lutheran is on Facebook!

In case you didn't know, Our Savior Lutheran Church is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran. There you will find daily posts of inspirational scripture verses, meeting reminders, and other pertinent information. Coming in December, the Sunday School children will be presenting the 12 Days Before Christmas, a collection of stories, songs, and scripture to prepare your hearts and your minds for the birth of Christ that will only be available for viewing on our Facebook page. You will also be able to view our Facebook live event coming in December. If you haven't liked our page yet, do it today! Also, share it with your friends and invite them to like our page too! You don't know what you're missing!

The 12 Days Before Christmas

This season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Sunday School children will share their talents with us in anticipation of Christmas Day. The 12 Days Before Christmas will consist of the 5 Sunday School classes sharing stories, scriptures, and songs leading us down that long road to Bethlehem and the manger on that first Christmas Day. These short videos will be available to watch on the Our Savior Lutheran Church Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran and check them out beginning Monday, December 14th.

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

Mark your calendars!!! We will not have Sunday School / Adult Bible Class on Sunday, December 27. If you have any questions, please see Brenna Schroeder,

Christmas Care Packages for College Students

Dorcas Society / LWML will be hosting the Christmas Care Packages for our College Students again this Christmas season. If you would like to include a sweet treat, a gas card or a card of encouragement; to let them know they are in your prayers during final's week and throughout the school year, their gift bags will be located in the Narthex. Please have all of your well wishes and goodies in the care packages by Sunday, December 13, 2020. If you need suggestions or have questions, please feel free to contact Theta Lee or Kendra Morts.

Worship Services Reminders

As a reminder, the 9a service requires masks to be worn properly (***covering both the nose and the mouth***) by everyone and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to with every other pew available and hymnals will not be used. During the 11a service, masks are optional but the social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world." *Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

December 6 – December 12

Those celebrating a birthday:

Jessica Hines	Tuesday
Jan Lavicka	Tuesday
Travis Rogers	Friday
Phyllis Carter	Saturday

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Rev. Raymond Harms, Pastor Emeritus of OSLC
Family and friends of Porter Bertram and Mary Ann Bertram, friends of many within the community

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines

Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey

Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens

Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals

Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community

Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith

Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes

Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm

Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms

Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson

Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles

Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner

Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner

Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens

Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith

Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach

Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef

Judy Miller –friend of Erica Anderson

Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process by which God will provide a new Pastor

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns

Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns

Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns

Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns

Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles

Taylor Breyman – granddaughter of Dennis and Sheila Selk, recovering from ankle surgery

Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns

Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns

Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues

Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns

Bernean Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns

Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns

Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues

Pam Menard and family - sister of Cora Armatrout, Covid19

Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall

Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery

Harriett Mowrey – grandmother of Cody, Caley and Cassidy Mowrey,

and Jamie Bakken and great-grandmother of Cecelia Bakken, hospitalization

Bertha Parsons – OSLC member, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues

Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition

Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues

Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's

Randall Schleef – OSLC member

Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident

Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns

Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout

Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant

Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army

Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army

Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy

Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's
Deputy and Milford Police Department

Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp

Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer

Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and

Andrei, our “adopted” international missionary,
currently serving in the Dominican Republic

