

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

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Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School

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*“We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus.
We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve
others.”*

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Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!

May our worship celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

A prayer before Worship

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

The Lord's Supper

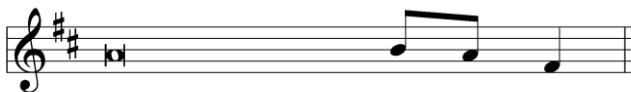
The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

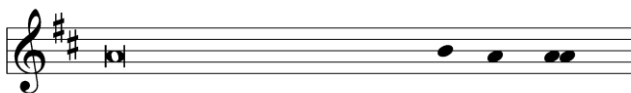
(1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures, or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Sturzenbecher.



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

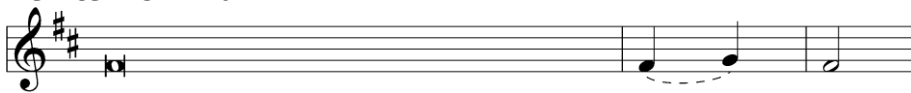


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



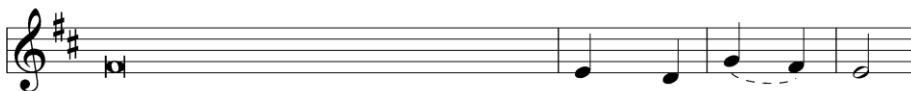
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

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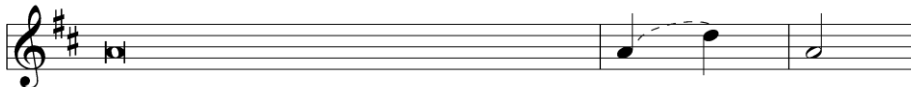
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

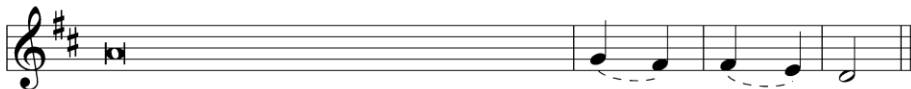


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalms 89:1–8

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;*
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

²**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;***
in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."

³You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*"
 I have sworn to David my | servant:

⁴I will establish your offspring for- | ever,*

and build your throne for all gener- | ations.'"

⁵**Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord,***

your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

⁶For who in the skies can be compared | to the Lord?*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the Lord,

⁷**a God greatly to be feared in the council of the | holy ones,***

and awesome above all who are a- | round him?

⁸O Lord God of hosts,

who is mighty as you are, | O Lord,*

with your faithfulness all a- | round you?

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in
the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.
Text and tune: Polish
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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 11:1–5*

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Catechetical Review

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these

words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Epistle Reading *Galatians 4:1–7*

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Holy Gospel Reading *Luke 2:22–40*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

Responsory *LSB 221*

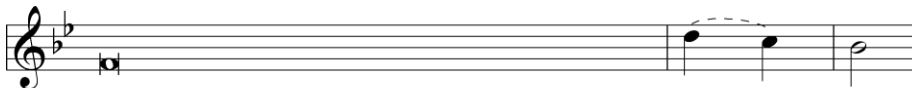
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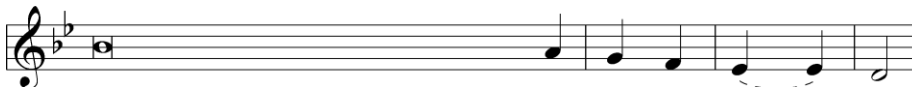
- C** Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sermon

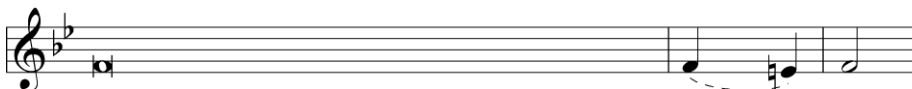
Te Deum LSB 223



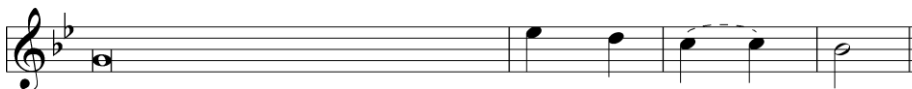
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



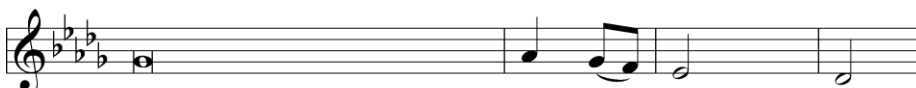
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



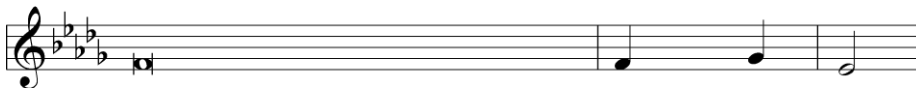
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



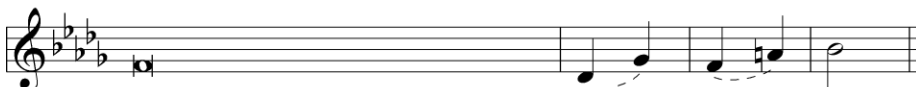
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



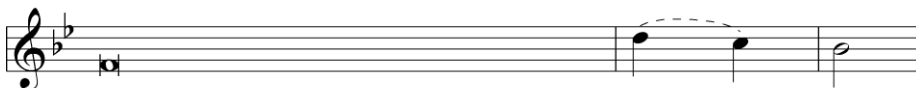
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.




5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



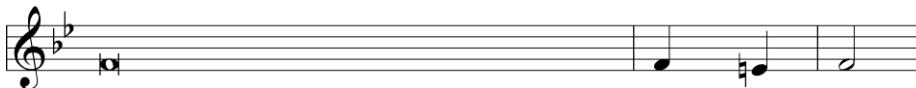
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.




7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Offering

"Hear Our Prayer"

Service of the Sacrament

C Amen.

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.

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."

507 Holy, Holy, Holy *sts. 1, 3*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76
Text and tune: Public domain

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *sts. 6-7*

6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829 Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymns

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

389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:

How great a mystery!

How strong the tender Christ Child's love!

No truer friend than He,

No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door

To blessèd paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,

To God our praises rise.

D7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,

Lord Jesus, we adore

And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore;

14 We praise You evermore.

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

First Chorus: 1811
 Tune: Second Supplement to Psalter in Minstrel, 1778, London, ed. by Edward Miller, 1771-1807
 First: 1811-1813 Choral. Note: Used by permission LSO Hyperion License no. 110004022
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373 See amid the Winter's Snow



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
 2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
 3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
 4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
 Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

Text: Edward Caswell, 1814-78, alt; Tune: John Goss, 1800-80; Text and tune: Public domain

Post-Communion Collect

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.

Benedicamus LSB 228



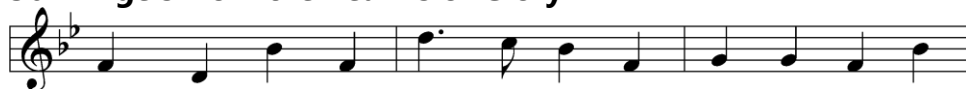
L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (pts. 1, and 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854; (pt. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1807; Salisbury, n.d.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79
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Divine Shepherd Calendar

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am Divine Worship Service

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Service

Wednesday, January 3rd

1:00 pm Quilting

5:30 pm Family Dinner

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Sunday Wednesday School

7:15 pm Evening Prayer Service

Thursday, January 4th

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, January 7th

LWML Mite Sunday

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Coffee and Cookies

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

10:30 am Confirmation Quilts Presentation

12:00 pm New Member Reception

3:00 pm Taking down Christmas decorations

Important Dates

"Eyes to See" Higher Things Retreat is **January 14th-15th, 2024**. The retreat will take place at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD. Register at www.higherthings.org/events/retreats.

There will be a Voter's Meeting on **January 21st at 9:15 am** between the services. Please plan to attend!



Looking For...

...a permanent bellringer and anyone who would be interested in being a bell choir sub for practices! Sadly, some ringers have to step out for the upcoming months and so, we need help! You don't have to read music (it helps some) but, more importantly, you need to be able to count to 4! That's it! If you have an interest in praising God through music, please contact Connie Rathert.

Helpers Needed!

When we decorated the church for Christ's birth, we had six helpers, two children and the pastors, Joni and myself. The church looks beautiful and a big shout out to those few helpers!! It was fun working with that group! Now, I'd like to encourage a few more of you to come and help us take down the decorations on Sunday afternoon,

January 7th at 3 pm. Many hands make the work light! (and go faster!) I hope lots of you can join me!

2024 Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2024 have been put in your mailboxes. If you are supposed to receive one and do not find one in your box, please let the church secretary know.

Prayer Requests

To those who mourn: Nancy Bopenhagen and Family, Randy and Linda Kramer and Family, Mike and Dana Reiprich, Jon and Ashley Habregtse

To those sick or suffering: Kinsley (Kristin Swane's daughter), Jim (Relative of Dannie Reher), Ashley (Dana Reiprich's friend), Dana Reiprich, Dave and Sherry Rice (Peggy Severson's sister and brother in law), Kathy Olson, Shelly (Becky LeFebre's cousin, Mel and Bobbi Geidel's niece), Rob Horner (Cindy Fredrich's brother), Norma Horner (Cindy's mother), Marna Wolf (Max Hill's mother) Geraldine Berg (Vonda's Mother), Mike Felkey, Jodee Liffengren, Ardella Berg, Deana Taylor (Relative of Kathy Swan), Wally and Marlene Christian (Erin Norman's grandparents), Marnie Thoen (Mary Heidelberger's niece), Jim Roling, Travis Karr, Emily (Bryon and Karen Pistora's granddaughter), Vonda Sturzenbecher, Colleen Phillips, June (Andrew Wagner's Grandmother) and all struggling with depression, mental illness, and other concerns.

Our shut-ins: Jerry Nelson, Alvin & Doris Senger, Laura Felkey, and Candice Thorson.

Our Ministries & Missionaries: The ministry of Evergreen Lutheran on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Rev. Joel Fritsche & family in the Dominican Republic, Barb Rebenstisch in Taiwan, Rev. Dan Jastram & family in Asia, The Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, and Divine Shepherd School.

All those serving in the military: Jaden Weber, Captain Josh Puckett (Bruce & Kathy Swan's nephew), Major Christopher Swain (Juliet Swain's Son), Lt Col. Robert Grass, Eric Tobin, Tyson Freeman (Dale & Mary Heidelberger Grandson), Matt Steiner (Marilyn Suckut's Grandson), Nicholas Carver (Leota Quam's grandson), Chris Brandt (Doug & Cheryl's son), Joshua Schulz (Susan's son), Cody Horton (Mel & Bobbi Geidel Grandson), Mike Reiprich, and Brad Halvorson (Nate's son)