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Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service with
Holy Communion
9:00am

Bible Class and
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to
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Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠
(In the Name of Jesus)

GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

OUR COMMUNION POLICY: Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

IN TODAY'S READINGS:

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism "*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "*see the salvation of God*" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

Hymn 66

THE BAPTISM OF KASHTEN LEVI TONN

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C **♪ Amen.**

Matthew 28:20

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **♪ Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

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

C **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy up on and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **♪ Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - 81:8, 10-11, 13; Luke 3:4b



The voice of one | crying in the | wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the | Lord, make His paths | straight.”*

Hear, O My people, while I admonish | you!*

O Israel, if you would but listen to | Me!

I am the LORD 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 submit to | Me.

*Oh, that my people would listen to | Me,**

that Israel would walk in My | ways!

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. A - | men.

The voice of one | crying in the | wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the | Lord, make His paths | straight.”*

KYRIE

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

Mark 10:47

HYMN OF PRAISE

Ob, Come, Ob, Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 62, v. 1, 3

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P 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 sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹“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 the Lord of hosts. ²But 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. ³He 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 the Lord. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“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 the Lord of hosts.

⁶“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26 alt.



*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zi - on.**

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | ru - sa - lem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | va - tion.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so

be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Please stand and face the pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God!

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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


⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*


Hymn 63

SERMON “Jesus, the Lord Who Draws Near”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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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 sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 3:4 - “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before John the Baptist preached by the Jordan. God sees farther into the future than we do! That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming and we don’t.

[Please stand]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, send forth pastors and missionaries to declare Your saving Word to the nations. Preserve them from temptation, protect them in suffering and equip them with every good gift to make known the Christ who still comes to save. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, St. John the Baptist counseled penitent soldiers to conduct their duties according to Your Word. Remember those who serve in the armed forces. Protect them from harm, give them wisdom and courage, and grant that they fulfill their service honorably. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue especially Lisa, Layne, David, Courtney, Lawrince, Clayton, Cheryl, and all those in our hearts and minds today. Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You sent St. John the Baptist to prepare all flesh to see the salvation of God. Prepare also the hearts of all who kneel at Your altar today to receive worthily Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You sent Your Son to purify us, that we might be righteous and holy before You. Deliver us from the love of sin, which defiles us and stains our works. Cleanse our hearts by Your grace, so that we may delight in Your promises and our works would be pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

- 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 136]*
- 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 unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS

- 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.** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*


PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

John 20:19

C  **Amen.**

If you are unable to climb the chancel steps without assistance, please come forward at this time.

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.** *John 1:29*

Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come</i>	<i>Hymn 55</i>
<i>Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</i>	<i>Hymn 56</i>
<i>The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us</i>	<i>Hymn 67</i>
<i>Arise, Sons of the Kingdom</i>	<i>Hymn 69</i>
<i>Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness</i>	<i>Hymn 305</i>


Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

[Please stand]

NUNC DIMITTIS

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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.**

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **♪ And His mercy endures forever.**

Psalm 107:1

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C **♪ Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Behold, a Branch is Growing

Hymn 645

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 3:1-14 (15-20): John the Baptist was given a message to prepare the way for the coming Christ. This message shared the truth of repentance and forgiveness with all people. Here in worship, we have repented of our sins of thought, word, and deed and received full and free forgiveness through Christ. This forgiveness equips us to share peace and pardon with those in our lives who have not yet received Jesus Christ. Through our witness sharing the life, death and resurrection of Christ, may others rejoice in the opportunity to repent of their sin and receive forgiveness through Jesus.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Third Sunday in Advent has historically been called *Gaudete*, (Latin for “Rejoice!”) because this third week has always been associated with a joyful theme of Christ’s coming among us and historically, Philippians 4 (Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I will say, Rejoice!) is one of the readings. We’ll gather in the joy of the Lord next week, and hear what Zephaniah has to say about the joy of our Lord in saving us! Readings are Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASS - If you've ever looked closely at the engraved stone on the outside wall of our church, you may have noticed the letters "U.A.C." carved just below the congregation's name. U.A.C. refers to the "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." What does this mean? I'm glad you asked! We are studying the Augsburg Confession, one of the Lutheran Church's foundational documents. First presented on June 24, 1530, this confession demonstrated the Reformers' adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints and also called into question those teachings of Medieval Roman Catholicism that were contrary to the Word of God. Join us as we dig into history, doctrine, and of course, Scripture!

Instrumentalists wanted! We are looking for instrumentalists to join us in playing for the children's Christmas Eve program or for ANY Sunday morning. If you play a special instrument and would be willing to play with us on a Sunday or for the special Christmas services, please contact Carol Schramm, Ann Bamsch, or the church office.

If you would like to give a Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please pick-up a blue order form from the bulletin board in the Narthex, fill it out and return it to the church office by Friday, Dec. 13th. The cost is \$10.00 each and payment should accompany your form. Checks should be payable to Holy Cross Ladies Aid. A limited number of poinsettias' are preordered and available on a first come, first serve basis, so place your order early. If you have any questions, please call Cyndy at 966-3166 or the church office. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Day worship service.

The Couple's Club extends a big THANK YOU to everyone who bought fried chicken plates and supported their fundraiser on November 24th. Almost 600 plates were served! Thanks for your continued support of our group!

The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund will hold a BBQ Pulled Pork Taco meal on Monday, January 20th. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the church office or by calling or texting Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166. In addition, we will be selling tickets after church Sundays in December and January until sold out. Only 250 tickets will be sold so don't wait! All proceeds will be used to award another scholarship to an 8th grade student attending Faith Lutheran High School.

Camp Lone Star invites you to their next Family Night on Tuesday, December 10th, from 5:30-7:30. This **FREE** event includes dinner, hayrides, cookie decorating, and more! Register online at www.camplonestar.org.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

“Faith at Christmas” Program:

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

Seeking a German Teacher:

FLHS rejoices with the Obersat family as they have accepted a new call to serve in Wyoming, however, this leaves Faith without a German teacher following Christmas break. Faith Lutheran High School is actively seeking a part-time German teacher for the spring semester of 2025. All interested candidates are encouraged to call to learn more about this position. Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889. If you have the time and talents, please consider sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Raffle Items:

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

End of Year Giving:

In Proverbs 2:6, God’s Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ’s wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Thank you!:

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It’s not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

Oktoberfest:

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way with this year's Oktoberfest event. This year's event raised about \$18,000 for FLHS! Praise the Lord! Next year's date is Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Oktoberfest will be adding a new category to our Battle of the Brews/Vines. Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for the FLHS Oktoberfest 2025. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.

* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. **KEEP NO RECORD!** The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry and Brenda Woelfel in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary on December 9th.

Altar Stand flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Kashten Levi Tonn by his family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Brugger, waiting on test results

Layne Schramm, recovering from surgery

David Lehmann, undergoing tests for back and leg pain

Courtney Wagner, undergoing treatments for cancer

Lawrince Heinrich, recovering from infection

Clayton Wolf, son of Allen & Dolores Wolf and brother of Melissa Alford, undergoing additional treatments

Cheryl Jurk, friend of Sunny Woelfel, diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer

This morning we welcome Kashten Levi Tonn to God's family through the waters of holy Baptism. Kashten is the son of Caleb and Kyndall Tonn and was born on July 20, 2024. His sponsors and witnesses are Kymberlee Trnka, Aaron Tonn, and Brett and Megan Lamont.

Those who serve today: December 8, 2024

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Karen Stephenson	Greeter
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm	Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Cory Knox & Mr. David Weishuhn

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice
TUESDAY	9:00 am.	Pastors Circuit Mtg. in Smithville
	7:00 p.m.	Faith at Christmas program
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Advent Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation (both classes)
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice

Attendance

Divine Service: Nov. 23- 123	Dec. 1 - 162	Advent: 51
Bible Class: No report	Sunday School: 23	

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>Nov. 17</u>	<u>Nov. 24</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 3,695	\$ 5,725
Short/Over	\$ (1,810)	\$ 220

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)