



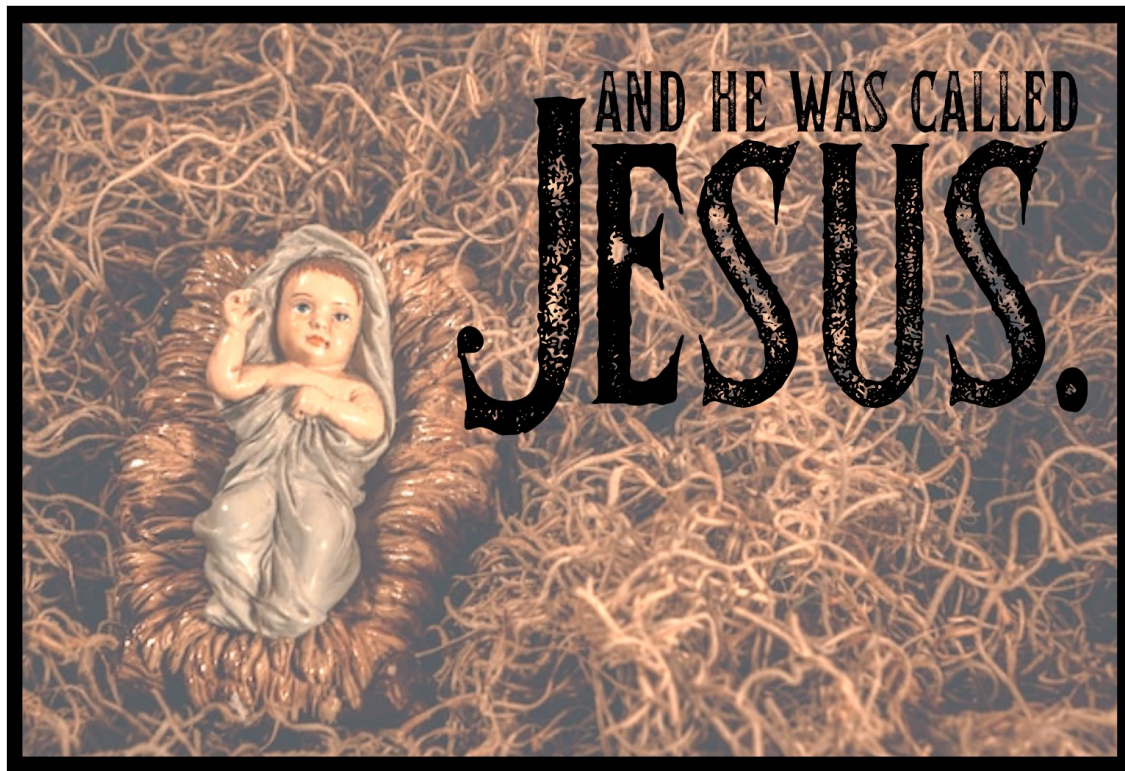
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9:00 a.m.
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1st & 3rd Sundays

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Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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(In the Name of Jesus)

Welcome to
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Sunday, January 1, 2023

The Circumcision and 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 Lord Jesus Comes in the Flesh to Fulfill the Law for Us and Save Us from Our Sins

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God's promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law.

When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. "*He was called Jesus*" (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when "*he was circumcised*" (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are "*justified by faith*" in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, "*you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise*" (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. "*Baptized into Christ,*" you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “O Blessed Day When First was Poured”

Hymn 115

[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

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy 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 an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C ♪ Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalms 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Behold, I have come;


in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”.

GLORIA PATRI

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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.

KYRIE

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

Mark 10:47

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **♪ And with thy spirit.**

P Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through 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

Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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

Matthew 1:21

C **♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

C **♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

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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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Hymn 114

SERMON

“The Name of Jesus”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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☛ ♪ 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 sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus — “the Lord saves.” That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

INSTALLATION OF 2023 CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

[Please stand]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, You sent Your Son into our flesh, and as an infant He first shed the blood that would cleanse us from our sin. Accept our thanks for the loving kindness shown to us sinners. Grant us a steadfast faith, that we would not forget all of Your benefits or lose sight of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You declare that in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Him. Preserve us from all ungodly prejudice, yet instill in us a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings. Grant that we would not resent what You have called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as You have ordained. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, You have shown Your power by establishing governments and leaders to serve Your people in Your name. Grant to our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, bless and keep us by Your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to You especially Linda, Carol, Edward, Christine, Mark, Ann, Emma, Rachel, Gayle, Theresa, and all those we name in our heart today. According to Your will and wisdom, lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You invite Your children to the table of Your Son. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would discern Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament and come with joyful and repentant hearts to receive the foretaste of the eternal feast. Strengthen us by this blessed communion, that we would love You above all and love one another in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory, that, seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. 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.**

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 94

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Hymn 76

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Hymn 85

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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✠ 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.**

Psalms 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.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **♪ And with Thy spirit.**



P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C **♪ Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you ☩ and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

  Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“To the Name of Our Salvation”

Hymn 116

POSTLUDE

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy New Year! No Bible class or Sunday school today. Both will resume next Sunday, January 8th.

Youth Lock-In - All youth, ages 5th grade and up, are invited to join us for an area wide lock-in TONIGHT starting at 8pm. Pastor Beck and Mr. Kueck have some fun planned! Bring a snack to share; pizza and popcorn will be provided. Bring your bedding and an overnight bag. There will be quiet rooms for those actually want to get some sleep. Please leave all electronics at home. We will have some classic video games and movies along with other activities. Hope to see you tonight at 8!

Bible Study - The Wednesday night Bible Study will begin a new study this Wednesday, January 4th. This 11-week study will take you through the entire Old Testament book of Judges. Come learn more about the faithfulness of God, despite the forgetfulness of His people. You'll read about and learn from some of the more well-known judges, like Deborah, Gideon, and Samson, as well as some you may not be familiar with - Othniel, Ehud, and Jephthah. There is no cost to join this study and all are welcome! Note that during Lent, we will adjust the hours of the class so that it does not interfere with the regular Lenten services on Wednesday nights. For more information or to register, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

Picnic Hall rates - Just a reminder that picnic hall rental rates will be going up effective today. Friday thru Sunday will be \$200 and Monday thru Thursday will be \$125. Use of just the patio area will be \$75. This was approved by the voters assembly in the July 2022 meeting.

A Pesticide Applicator CEU course will be held here at the picnic grounds TOMORROW, Jan. 2nd, from 9:00-3:00. Cost is \$60 payable at the door by cash, check or credit card. The class is hosted by Brad Pierce and topics will include controlling grass burs, feral hog suppression, growing Coastal Bermuda, and using the right herbicide at the right time. At total of 5 CEU's will be earned in Laws and Regs and IPM. Sign-up by calling Brad at 512.354.0018 or email him at bwperce2011@gmail.com.

Epiphany Lutheran Church would like to invite you to join us for our Epiphany service on **Thursday, January 5th** at 7:00pm. We are located on the campus of the Seventh Day Adventist Church – 3300 TX-21 Bastrop, TX. We hope to see you there!



Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 10, 2023 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

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!

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Linda Hobratschk, thankful diagnosis was modified, waiting on additional tests

Carol Jurk, recovering from a broken leg following a fall

Edward & Christine Buscha, various health issues

Mark Landry, son-in-law of Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky, recovering from leg amputation

Ann Marie Heinrich, daughter-in-law of Roger Heinrich, dealing with serious health issues

Emma & Rachel Soenksen, granddaughters of Rev. Al & Kathy Gallmeier, both

Gayle, cousin of David and Linda Lehmann, recovering from surgery on Thursday

Theresa Krause, wife of Billy Krause of Serbin, undergoing treatments for cancer

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 80

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>December 18</u>	<u>December 25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610
Offering Received	\$ 4,932	\$ 1,870
Short/Over	\$ 322	\$ 2,740
Offerings received through e-giving December 16-28: \$382.29		

Those who serve today: January 1, 2023

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Mr. Shea Kasper
Vernon Smith, IV

Pastor
Organist
Audio/Video System
Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Doug Lehmann
Mr. Brian Varner
Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion NO Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:00 p.m.	Youth Lock-In Begins
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Ed
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
	7:00 p.m.	Pietsch Endowment Fund
Next Sunday	<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)