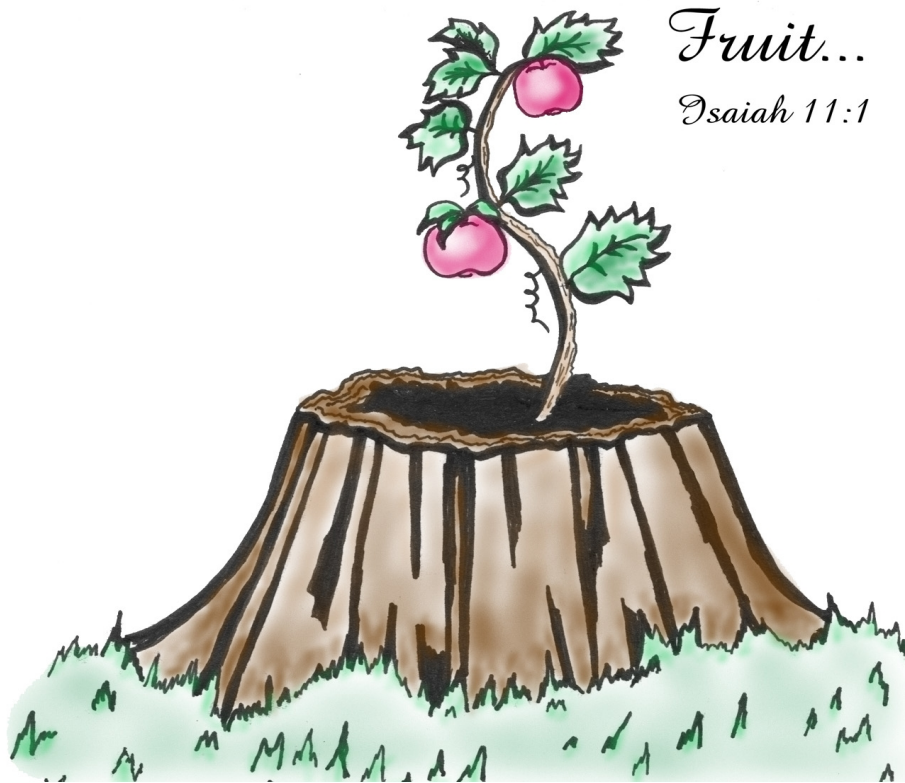




A
shoot will come up from
the stump of Jesse, from
his roots a Branch will bear

Fruit...

Isaiah 11:1



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As We Gather

In the opening verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John greets the readers of his epistle in this singular way: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come” (Revelation 1:4). John is confident that God’s grace is readily available for the readers of his letter who are scattered in many Christian gatherings across the area of Asia. And he is certain that the peace of God can reach to all of his readers in their very different and individual situations. The Advent season brings us the assurance that God’s plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God’s grace!

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 13-16 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:1, 3, 14a, 17; 40:1, 3a

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C** **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- P** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.
- C** **But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**
- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deed. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

The logo features a large blue cross with a white center, positioned above the words "Kyrie Eleison" written in a stylized, gothic script. Below this, the words "LORD, HAVE MERCY" are written in a simple, all-caps, sans-serif font.

Hymn

TLH 96 (1) – Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly

Oh, rejoice, ye Chris-tians, loud - ly, For our joy hath
now be-gun; Won-drous things our God hath done.
Tell a-broad His good-ness proud-ly Who our race hath
hon-ored thus That He deigns to dwell with us.
Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad-ness, Christ hath done a -
way with sad-ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,
For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72:1-7

- P** Give the king your justice, O God,
C **and your righteousness to the royal son!**
P May he judge your people with righteousness,
C **and your poor with justice!**
P Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
C **and the hills, in righteousness!**
P May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,
C **and crush the oppressor!**
P May they fear you while the sun endures,
C **and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**
P May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
C **like showers that water the earth!**
P In his days may the righteous flourish,
C **and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**



Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ” ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume 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. ¹⁰ Even 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. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn

LSB 342 – What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Sermon Text

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And 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. ³ And 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, ⁴ but 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. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.



The Shoot from the Stump

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 645 – Behold, a Branch is Growing

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.

- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

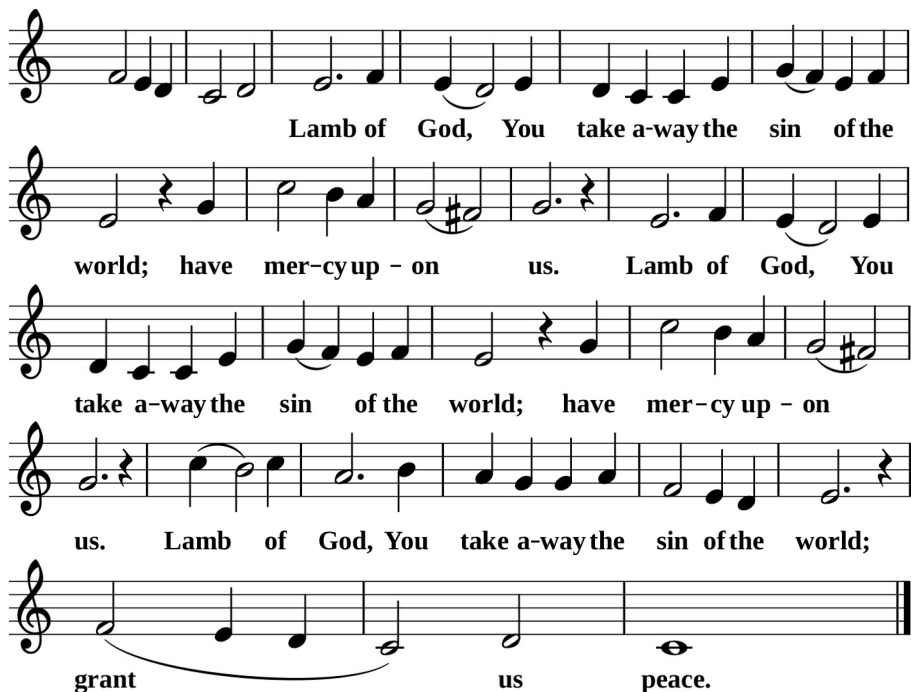
P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!



Thanksgiving

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what
He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple
forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, al le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


Deo Gratias
THANKS BE TO GOD

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Hymn

WS 705 – Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

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TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Is. 59 : 20

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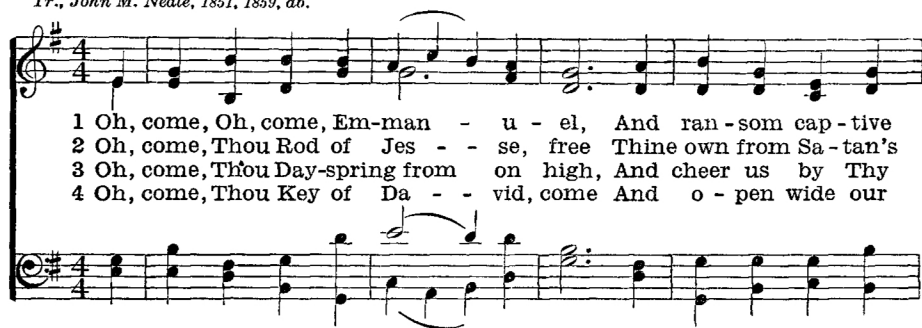
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Veni, Emmanuel

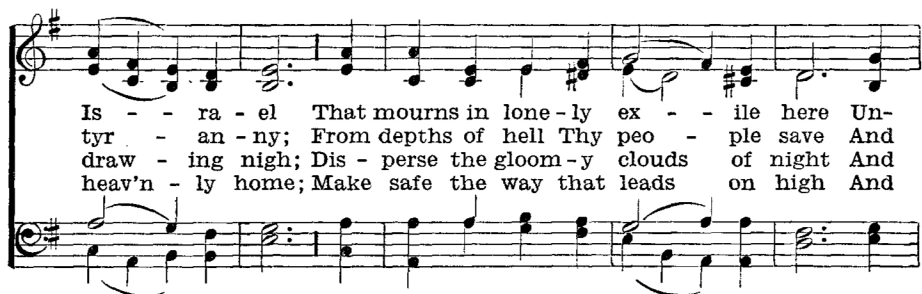
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Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.



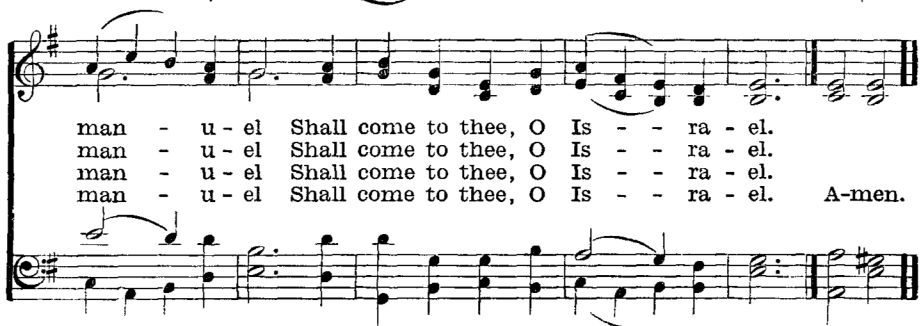
1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy
4 Oh, come, Thou Key of Da - - vid, come And o - pen wide our



Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here Un -
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high And




til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -
close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -

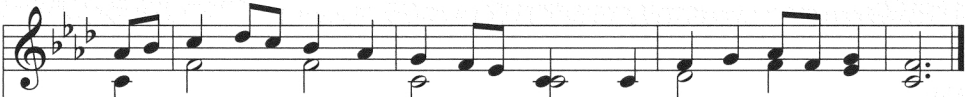


man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el. A-men.

LSB 342 – What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Is. 11:1, 6–10, 12–16

TLH 645 – Behold, a Branch is Growing

Is. 11: 1, 2

Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen

German author unknown, c. 1500

Tr., st. 1-4, Harriet R. Spaeth, 1875

Tr., st. 5, John C. Mattes, 1914

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Es ist ein' Ros'

"Alte geistliche Kirchengesäng"

Cologne, 1599

1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and grace,
 2 I - sa - iah hath fore - told It In words of prom - ise sure,
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, Pro - claimed by an - gels bright,

As proph - ets sung, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race
 And Ma - ry's arms en - fold It, A vir - gin meek and pure.
 How Christ, the Lord of Glo - ry, Was born on earth this night.

And bears one lit - tle Flow'r In midst of cold - est
 Thro' God's e - ter - nal will This Child to her is
 To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger

win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 found Him, As an - gel her - alds said. A - men.

4 This Flower whose fragrance tender
 With sweetness fills the air,
 Dispels with glorious splendor
 The darkness everywhere.
 True Man, yet very God;
 From sin and death He saves us
 And lightens every load.

5 O Savior, Child of Mary,
 Who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, King of Glory,
 Who dost our weakness know,
 Bring us at length, we pray,
 To the bright courts of heaven
 And to the endless day.

WS 705 – Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Your
2 Born Your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and
3 By Your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our



peo - ple free; From our sins and fears re - lease us
yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
hearts a - lone; By Your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it



By Your death on Cal - va - ry.
Now Your gra - cious king - dom bring.
Raise us to Your glo - rious throne.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.
Tune and Setting: John Stainer, 1840-1901

CROSS OF JESUS
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✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLutheran.com/calendar

December 4	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00 am	Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
December 6	6:30 pm	School Committee
December 7	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 8	10:00 am	Bible Class
December 11	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00 am	Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	Advent by Candlelight
December 13	6:00 pm	Council
December 14	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship Service
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 15	10:00 am	Bible Class
December 16	6:30 pm	Fellowship Gathering – Christmas Songs and Snacks
December 18	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00 am	Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Youth Group Christmas Lunch
	2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

Advent by Candlelight: Ladies, join us for this beautiful afternoon of fellowship on Sunday, December 11th at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Come, relax, and set aside all the worries of the Christmas season as we focus our hearts on Christ. Please RSVP at www.FdLLutheran.com/advent or sign-up on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Kate Sauers at 314-

540-8781. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to help with bringing food, decorating a table, or reading during the program. Let us know how you can help. Thank you!

Fellowship Gathering: Friday, December 16 at 6:30 pm we will have our monthly fellowship gathering. The theme for this month's gathering is Christmas. We will gather to sing Christmas carols, do crafts, and eat snacks. Please join us and bring a snack to share.

Snow Removal: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help out with snow removal this year. Please consider signing up if you are able to help. We bought a new snow blower last year that certainly helps to make the work a lot easier.

Midweek Advent Worship: Our Midweek Advent Worship series this year is entitled *This is My Son*. Just as God's people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas. Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God's promises. God's promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman's offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God's Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.

Services will be at 6:30 pm. We will be participating in a pulpit exchange this year. Here is the remaining schedule of services:

- **December 7** – Absalom, The Son of David – Pastor David Ude
- **December 14** – Ishmael, The Son of Abraham – Pastor Mark Tiefel
- **December 21** – Cain, The Son of Adam – Pastor Sauers

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News: Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Fruits of Faith – November 23 & 27		Attendance: 11/23 – 72 11/27 – 64	
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