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December, January Special Services

Advent Evening Prayer on Wednesdays
Dec. 7, 14 & 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Preceded by Advent Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:45 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Divine Service

Divine Service for St. Stephen, Martyr
Monday, Dec. 26, at 7 p.m.

Divine Service for St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Divine Service for Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Divine Service
Circumcision & Name of Jesus on
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Epiphany Service at
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay
Divine Service Friday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Advent at LMC

Advent Midweek services this year are based upon the hymn "Once He Came in Blessing" and the theme of our Lord's three advents: once in the flesh, continually in His Word and Sacraments, and at the end of the world for judgment and resurrection – all for us! The hymn "Once He Came in Blessing" is intentionally repeated each week to meditate upon and learn by heart.

1. Once He came in blessing,
All our ills redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us,
Hope and freedom gave us.

2. Still He comes within us,
Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to Truth convert us
From our foolish error,
Ere He comes in terror.

3. Thus, if we have known Him,
Not ashamed to own Him,
Nor have spurned Him coldly,
But will trust Him boldly,
He will then receive us,
Heal us, and forgive us.

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Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
Dr. Craig Sproat, *Kantor*
Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*
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ADVENT HYMN

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4. All these gifts are given
In His pledge from heaven:
Bread and wine deliver
Christ to the receiver;
Here He surely shows us
That He loves and knows us.

5. They who thus unshaking
Cleave without forsaking,
And in ev'ry measure
See the Master's pleasure,
Shall depart with gladness
From this vale of sadness.

6. Fast the end is nearing,
Judgment day's appearing,
When from cause of grievance
He shall grant deliv'rance,
And shall take us yonder
To celestial wonder.

7. On that day of blessing
And of wrath distressing,
All the dead shall waken
And from earth be taken,
There to stand before Him,
And fear or adore Him.

8. Then the faithful-hearted
Shall to bliss be parted,
But the foul deniers
To hell's bitter fires,
There to burn in terror
For their sin and error.

9. Come then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You,
Till in heav'n we bless You.

Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, sts. 1-3, 9, alt.; Matthew Carver, b. 1977, sts. 4-8

WHAT IS THE MANGER?

by Pastor Larson

I love the preaching of Martin Luther around Christmas time! Listen to what he preaches here, how the manger is none other than the simple Christian church and comfort that we find when we contemplate the Incarnation. "He lies in the manger. Look at this so that you may be certain that only Christ is to be preached in all the world. What else is the manger than the gathering of the Christian people in church to listen to the sermon? We are the animals that go with this manger. There Christ is placed before us, and with this food we are to feed our souls, that is, lead them to the sermon. He who goes to listen to a sermon, goes to this manger, but the sermons must deal with Christ. For not all mangers hold Christ and not all sermons teach the faith. Notice there was only one manger in Bethlehem in which this treasure lay, and it was, in addition, an unused, despised manger which at other times contained no fodder. Thus the preaching of the gospel is free of all other things; it has Christ and teaches only him." (Martin Luther, Christmas Eve Sermon LW 52)

"Are you affrighted? Then come to him, lying in the lap of the fairest and sweetest maid. You will see how great is the divine goodness, which seeks above all else that you should not despair. Trust him! Trust him! Here is the Child in whom is salvation. To me there is no greater consolation given to mankind than this, that Christ became man, a child, a babe, playing in the lap and at the breasts of his most gracious mother. Who is there whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell, conscience, and guilt, if you come to judge this gurgling Babe and believe that he is come, not to judge you, but to save." (Martin Luther's Christmas Book)

ADVENT SUPPER HOSTS

Nov. 30 – John Galvin leads the Fighting Sheep

Dec. 7 – Guild of Saint Samuel (LMC acolyte corps)

Dec. 14 – Moms with Rambunctious Children

Dec. 21 – Allison Doying, Kristina Larson, Mary Viets

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC

PIE BAKING AND POTLUCK

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR

Thanks be to God! In November we had two events! The first was on Friday, Nov. 4, when Barb Knetzger taught an Apple Pie Baking Class to three women: one from Ukraine, one from Iran, one from China, and we made six pies. It was a lot of fun! Thank you so much, Barb! On Sunday evening, Nov. 6, those apples pies were the dessert for the International Potluck Dinner that was attended by 20 internationals (fifteen adults, one teenager and four children) representing Russia, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, Iran, Germany, China, Kazakhstan and Korea. There were eight American adults and the six Larson children. Thirty-four people attended with ten languages represented! It was a lowkey event, sharing international food and lots of conversations. I received wonderful feedback, and with great enthusiasm from those attending, we are looking to make this a monthly event on the first Sunday evening of the month! Thanks be to God!!!

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

THE SLOWNESS OF GOD, A PRESENTATION BY DR. CHAD KENDALL

Learning A Eucharistic Rhythm to Life

Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The Feast of St. Nicholas

(followed with food and conversation)

The Christian life is often lived in the midst of doubt, unanswered prayers, the mystery of suffering, and the desire to understand the Lord. We live in a world where we want every question answered and every problem solved. Come and join Dr. Kendall as he talks about the concept of an early Christian theme known as the slowness of God, and how it helps shape our understanding of the Christian life and the sacramental nature of the church. He will talk about the Christian's life in eucharist and prayer, particularly what it means to live as a Christian in the world and finding peace in holy mystery.

Our presenter is a pastor at .St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois

EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: **ON BAPTISM**, PART 5

Thus you see plainly that there is here no work done by us, but a treasure which He gives us, and which faith apprehends; just as the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross is not a work, but a treasure comprehended in the Word, and offered to us and received by faith. Therefore they do us violence by exclaiming against us as though we preach against faith; while we alone insist upon it as being of such necessity that without it nothing can be received nor enjoyed.

Thus we have these three parts which it is necessary to know concerning this Sacrament, especially that the ordinance of God is to be held in all honor, which alone would be sufficient, though it be an entirely external thing like the commandment, Honor thy father and thy mother, which refers to bodily flesh and blood. Therein we regard not the flesh and blood, but the commandment of God in which they are comprehended, and on account of which the flesh is called father and mother; so also, though we had no more than these words, Go ye and baptize, etc., it would be necessary for us to accept and do it as the ordinance of God. Now there is here not only God's commandment and injunction, but also the promise, on account of which it is still far more glorious than whatever else God has commanded and ordained, and is, in short, so full of consolation and grace that heaven and earth cannot comprehend it. But it requires skill to believe this, for the treasure is not wanting, but this is wanting, that men apprehend it and hold it firmly.

Therefore every Christian has enough in Baptism to learn and to practise all his life; for he has always enough to do to believe firmly what it promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, the grace of God, the entire Christ, and the Holy Ghost with His gifts. In short, it is so transcendent that if timid nature could realize it, it might well doubt whether it could be true. For consider, if there were somewhere a physician who understood the art of saving men from dying, or, even though they died, of restoring them speedily to life, so that they would thereafter live forever, how the world would pour in money like snow and rain, so that because of the throng of the rich no one could find access! But here in Baptism there is brought free to everyone's door such a treasure and medicine as utterly destroys death and preserves all men alive.

Thus we must regard Baptism and make it profitable to ourselves, that when our sins and conscience oppress us, we strengthen ourselves and take comfort and say: Nevertheless I am baptized; but if I am baptized, it is promised me that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body. For that is the reason why these two things are done in Baptism, namely, that the body, which can apprehend nothing but the water, is sprinkled, and, in addition, the word is spoken for the soul to apprehend. Now, since both the water and the Word are one Baptism, therefore body and soul must be saved and live forever: the soul through the Word which it believes, but the body because it is united with the soul and also apprehends Baptism as it is able to apprehend it. We have, therefore, no greater jewel in body and soul, for by it we are made holy and are saved, which no other kind of life, no work upon earth, can attain. Let this suffice respecting the nature, blessing, and use of Baptism, for it answers the present purpose.

DECEMBER, JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Bonnie McAuly	Dec. 2
Jonathan Paul	Dec. 6
Una Lane	Dec. 9
Jennifer Grasse	Dec. 9
Nicole Berrens	Dec. 9
Jeffery Hagedorn	Dec. 10
Judith Swanson	Dec. 10
Latif Gaba	Dec. 12
Rose Lane	Dec. 15
James Bruss	Dec. 16
Ulrich Sovitzky	Dec. 18
Daphne Eliana Scott	Dec. 19
Jacob Frusti	Dec. 20
Margarethe Paterson	Dec. 21
Rachel Swanson	Dec. 21
Zachary Paronto	Dec. 23
Bethany Bratz	Dec. 25
Wendy Pelsis	Dec. 26
Narrah Wieting	Dec. 27
Sharon Paronto	Dec. 28
Natalya Gurneau	Dec. 30
Laura Osterndorf	Dec. 30

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Ella Burfeind	Jan. 1
David Alan Viets	Jan. 6
Alden Grasse	Jan. 7
Finn Gnas	Jan. 10
Ellen Haines	Jan. 10
Ilsa Grasse	Jan. 11
Diane Kretsch	Jan. 11
Hamish Dickson	Jan. 13
Nathanael Sovitzky	Jan. 13
Job German	Jan. 14
James Gabriel	Jan. 17
Randy Otto	Jan. 17
Ellis Grasse	Jan. 24
Paul Haase	Jan. 25
Judy Buelow	Jan. 29

DONATING POINSETTIAS FOR DECEMBER

We are using green envelopes found in the Narthex and Parish Hall (on the History Case) to gather your donations for red or white poinsettias in small or large pots. The prices of the flowers for 2022 are printed on the green envelopes.

You may place your green envelopes in the offering plate. Envelopes should be returned to the Church Office by Monday, Dec. 12.

Flower arrangements to adorn the chancel on Sundays and Mondays cost $25. **We invite donations of flowers by members or visitors**.

NEW MEMBERS

Transferred to LMC 11-29-2022:
Trent and Maritza Demarest & children John, Thomas, Charles, Robert, Mary-Ellen, Juliane

MEMBERS RELEASED

on 11-29-2022:
John & Jennifer Burfeind & children to Holy Family Catholic Parish

REGARDING 2022 DONATIONS

To comply with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines and to simplify the task of our counters, the Trustees need to emphasize the fact that, if you want your donations to be credited to calendar year 2022, they MUST BE received or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2022.

Any donations dated 2022, but received *AFTER JAN. 1, 2023*, will be applied to your 2023 donations. There will be no exceptions.

The specific cut-off date allows us to "close the books" on 2022 much faster and more easily. This affords us a more complete picture of our financial situation and assures full compliance with IRS guidelines.

YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

During the last two weeks of December, your new offering envelope boxes for the year 2023 should be available downstairs in the parish hall, in alphabetical order. Please find your box and take it home.

On January 1, 2023, please throw away any and all of your leftover envelopes from 2022.

It is important to discard your 2022 envelopes, because the contribution number on those is probably not connected with your name anymore. Most likely a new number has been assigned to your name for the year 2023. Thanks for your cooperation!

How to Study the Bible at Home *by Rev. Dr. Jason Lane*

Reflections on why we have difficulty studying the Bible regularly at home, and practical tips for home devotions.

What prevents us from studying the Bible?

Christians often struggle to keep up a regular routine of reading the Bible at home. There are several reasons for this struggle. First and most evident to us is our own flesh, which "does not want to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come" (SC III:3). Our old nature does not want to hear God's Word, because it exposes the old man in us and condemns him.

It is important to remember, however, that the new man in us, born anew by water and the Spirit (John 3) in Holy Baptism, delights in the law of the Lord and lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Routine study of God's Word puts the old man in his place and raises up the new man in us daily. Through it we enter into the baptismal rhythm of our life under the Word of God: repentance and faith, death and resurrection. God promises to make us new creatures through His powerful Word for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Besides their own sinful nature, Christians often face other challenges that prevent them from studying God's Word at home. The Bible is sometimes hard to understand, especially for those who have not been properly trained or have not had a good deal of experience reading it. As in any other area of study, one must practice, and make a habit of reading Scripture and becoming acquainted with the Holy Spirit's voice.

Further, Christians are faced with many duties of life. Even though they desire to please God and serve their neighbor, they have responsibilities that can draw them away from the first things: God's Word and prayer. Luther is rumored to have said, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." Whether or not he said it, this echoes our Lord's words: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things [clothing, food, earthly goods] will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). We must decide to make our meditation on God's Word the first thing and let everything else revolve around it.

Martin Luther translated the Bible into German for common people to read because he was convinced that the Sacred Scriptures should be on the lips of Christians at all times. He believed that they are clear and can be understood by every Christian. They are so straightforward, in fact, that some dismiss them as simplistic, even if their riches could never be fully mined to their depths. Luther exhorts us:

I beg and really caution every pious Christian not to be offended by the simplicity of the language and stories frequently encountered there, but fully realize that, however simple they may seem, there are the very words, works, judgments, and deeds of the majesty, power and wisdom of the most high God. … Therefore dismiss your own opinions and feelings, and think of the Scriptures as the loftiest and noblest of holy things as the richest of mines which can never be sufficiently explored, in order that you may find that divine wisdom which God here lays before you in such simple guise as to quench all pride. (*LW* 35:236)

Short guide to studying the Bible individually

It is almost always best to begin your study of Scripture at home with a concrete routine, whether you are doing this individually or with

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your family. Use a model that has worked for others.

The two most common ways that Christians have studied the Scriptures privately are, one, to take a short passage and study it carefully, meditating on its meaning, as one may do with *Portals of Prayer* or *Day by Day: 365 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther* (CPH), or, two, to follow a broader reading of the Bible, such as reading one whole chapter or more each day. A lot will depend on the time you can reasonably put aside for the task and your abilities as a reader. Whether you are reading a large portion of Scripture or a brief passage, your reading should involve meditating or reflecting on God's Word.

Devotional readings are often like training wheels. They are intended to prepare you to do it on your own. When you are ready to take off the training wheels of a prepared devotion, I suggest using Luther's fourfold formula for praying or meditating on a biblical text or text from the catechism: (1) Instruction, (2) Thanksgiving, (3) Confession, and (4) Petition. You can find Luther's formula wonderfully set forth in his little booklet called *A Simple Way to Pray* (CPH 2012) in which Luther teaches his barber, Peter, how to pray. Luther suggests that we should take one verse or one brief passage and consider four things: (1) What does God want to *teach* me or what does He command of me in this text? (2) For what should I give *thanks* from this text? (3) What sins should I *confess* in light of this Word of God? And (4) what do I *ask* of God based on this text? This formula requires no prepared prayers — it requires no more than your Bible or catechism.

Let me show you how this fourfold prayer could look, using a familiar passage from Romans 3:28:

"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law."

1. **Instruction:** Here, Lord, You teach me that I cannot be justified or made righteous by works of the law, but only by faith in Jesus, that is, faith in His righteousness for my sake. This faith therefore cannot be a work of the law, because I am not justified by works but by faith. This faith, therefore, must be Your gift.

2. **Thanksgiving:** I thank You, Heavenly Father, that You have not judged me according to my works, but have justified me by faith for the sake of Your dear Son. Your works and Your promise have justified sinners like me and for this I owe You my faithfulness and thanks.

3. **Confession:** Lord, I confess that I have tried to make something of myself by works of the law, rather than believing Your justifying Word to me. I have either been arrogant and tried to become pleasing to You by what I do and what I think, or I have despaired of my sin so much that I have not believed Your mercy and forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

4. **Petition:** Heavenly Father, magnify Your justifying Word for me as a gift. Teach me to believe that my justification for Christ's sake is not something I have earned or deserved, nor is it a promise too lofty for a sinner like me, but it is the Word that truly does make me and all sinners righteous. I believe, Lord; help my unbelief.

These are things one would typically pray out loud, while reflecting on the text, as one is given insight by the Holy Spirit through the text. We may stumble, but the Holy Spirit does intercede (Rom. 8). We must also believe that the language

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of faith will develop in us through a regular study of God's Word.

If you have more time, and become more advanced, take up more text. Read more expansively. A great resource is *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (CPH 2012), which allows you to follow the Church Year and offers readings through much of the Old and New Testament, readings from the *Book of Concord* and church fathers. I have found that sometimes it can be too much for one sitting. So you may want to just take a portion and consider that as the light on the path for that day. Use the same fourfold method above and make a habit of doing it when you can sneak away from your duties. Luther suggests, as does Scripture (Psalm 1:2), that morning and evening are good times to meditate on God's Word.

Thoughts for family devotions and Bible study

All the same things apply to family that apply to the individual. But since a family is more multifaceted than an individual, I can only share a few things that have worked for me and my family. In our house, it has been an 18-year-long work-in-progress, and our study of the Scriptures together continues to develop according to the abilities of our children and our competency as parents. Take what is good and helpful here and refashion what you must to make it work for your family.

My wife and I enjoy the company of our eight children, ranging from ages 17 down to four months, and we teach them at home. Therefore, we have some flexibility that I recognize others do not have. Due to my work schedule, my wife usually leads morning devotions; I lead in the evenings. As a family we love to sing, so hymns are a major part of our devotional life together. For most families, and we are no exception, the breakfast table is a wonderful place to do family devotions before the kids are off to school or off to their studies. The living room has become the place for evening devotions. Find a place and a routine that works for your family.

For our morning study of the Bible, we have been using a little sheet that our pastor prints off and inserts into our church's bulletin every week. (Pastors, please do this for your people!) On it, he provides a short liturgy, which includes the opening versicles from the Office of Matins, the psalm of the week (usually the psalm sung for the Introit in the Divine Service that Sunday), then a list of readings for the week, which he has taken from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941). It includes a morning lesson and an evening lesson for each day. After the lesson from Scripture, we recite a brief section from the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. It is intended to be spoken together and eventually learned by heart. We then sing the hymn of the week, which is the "sermon hymn" for that Sunday, and we sing it every day for that week. By the end of the week, you're already on your way to learning that hymn by heart. The hymn is followed by the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, the Collect for the Week and then special petitions for our local congregation or those we add as a family. After the special petitions, I or my wife use Luther's fourfold structure to take up one part of the readings for that day and formulate a prayer for the family in light of God's Word. We end with Luther's Morning Prayer and a Benediction. There is a lot of flexibility in the prayers, but I have found it helpful to stick to a basic pattern. Choose one that works for you and yours and keep at it. Altogether devotions take us about 15–20 minutes.

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While mornings are dedicated to a more careful study of the text of Scripture, our evening devotions are less rigid and usually shorter, since the children typically have a shorter attention span by then. This is our time to read Bible stories from a variety of wonderful resources, such as CPH's *The Story Bible*. But use whatever works to get your child or children familiar with the great stories of the Old and New Testaments. For little ones and for parents who are familiar with the Bible stories, use a good picture Bible and tell the stories to your children freely. For older ones, read together right out of the Bible. We find that, when time is at a minimum, the Invocation, the Lord's Prayer, and a stanza or two from a favorite hymn keeps up the routine and brings peace to our evenings and resolution to our day in Christ.

The most important thing I have found for family study is the routine. Even if you can only do a little, taking the time to study God's Word every day sets a wonderful example for your children, and teaches them that first things are first. It takes time and attention to establish a study of God's Word as part of your family's home culture. But as parents learn to do this with joy, the children too will take it on joyfully as a family tradition, so that both parents and children will have the Word of God dwelling among them richly and by it they will drive out the Enemy from their homes. This is what the Lord has taught us to do: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

Of the Father's Love Begotten
LSB 384

1 Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**28** 7:00pm Divine Service	**29** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**30** 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer	**1**	**2**	**3**
4 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Gaba & Bratz 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 1:00pm Craft Afternoon 5-7pm iO Friendship Potluck Dinner	**5** 7:00pm Divine Service	**6** 6:30pm "The Slowness of God" by Dr. Chad Kendall	**7** 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Grasse & Buelow 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**12** 7:00pm Divine Service	**13** 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**14** 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer	**15**	**16**	**17**
18 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Children's Christmas Program Noon Christmas Program Lunch	**19** 7:00pm Divine Service	**20** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**21** 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer	**22**	**23**	**24** 6:30pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
25 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Larson & Knetzger 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**26** 7:00pm Divine Service	**27** 6:30pm Divine Service for St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	**28** 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Divine Service for Holy Innocents, Martyrs	**29**	**30**	**31**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN DECEMBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Dec. 4	2nd S. in Advent (Populus Zion)	*LSB* 333	Mal. 4:1–6	Psalm 50	Rom. 15:4–13	Luke 21:25–36
Dec. 11	3rd S. in Advent (Gaudete)	*LSB* 347	Is. 40:1–11	Psalm 80	1 Cor. 4:1–5	Matt. 11:2–11
Dec. 18	4th S. in Advent (Rorate Coeli)	*LSB* 354	Deut. 18:15–19	Psalm 145	Phil. 4:4–7	John 1:19–28 *or* Luke 1:39–56
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	*LSB* 384	Ex. 40:17–21, 34–38	Psalm 98	Titus 3:4–7	John 1:1–18

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Lanes	**2** 7:00pm Divine Service	**3** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**4** 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Elders	**5**	**6** *6:30pm Divine Service for Epiphany at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay*	**7**
8 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**9** 7:00pm Divine Service	**10** 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**11** 8:30am Matins	**12**	**13** 6:30pm Divine Service for the Baptism of Our Lord	**14**
15 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**16** 7:00pm Divine Service	**17** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**18** 8:30am Matins	**19**	**20**	**21** 9:00am Book Club: C. S. Lewis Space Trilogy
22 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	**23** 7:00pm Divine Service	**24** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church Council	**25** 8:30am Matins	**26**	**27**	**28**
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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN JANUARY

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Jan. 1	Circumcision & Name of Jesus	*TLH* 115	Num. 6:22–27	Psalm 98	Gal. 3:23–29	Luke 2:21
Jan. 8	First S. after the Epiphany	*LSB* 410	1 Kings 8:6-13	Psalm 72	Rom. 12:1-5	Luke 2:41-52
Jan. 15	Second S. after the Epiphany	*LSB* 433	Ex. 33:12–23 *or* Amos 9:11–15	Psalm 107	Eph. 5:22–33 *or* Rom. 12:6–16	John 2:1–11
Jan. 22	Third S. after the Epiphany	*TLH* 415	2 Kings 5:1–15a	Psalm 102	Rom. 1:8–17 *or* Rom. 12:16–21	Matt. 8:1–13
Jan. 29	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Down from the Mount of Glory	Ex. 34:29–35 *or* Ex. 3:1–14	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16–21	Matt. 17:1–9