God Chose You . . . and That Changes Everything Sanctity of Life Sunday 2022 — Lutherans for Life January 23, 2022

As We Gather -Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God's people scattered throughout the world.

SOME CHANGES FOR SAFETY SAKE

Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other, for guests. Please leave them in the offering plates at the rear of the church.

Offering: Offerings will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

Holy Communion: Please be mindful of social distancing as you come forward. Please leave the cup in the basket, returning via the side aisles.

Social distancing Please be mindful not only of your concerns for health and safety, but others as well. Please keep a six foot space between you, including other members of your immediate family, and others. This includes spaces in the pew as well as spaces between the pews. For example, if you are sitting directly behind someone, you are closer than six feet.

The Wearing of Masks – Mask are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated, although we welcome their use to aid in the comfort of others. We ask that unvaccinated people continue to wear masks. We continue to encourage social distancing and frequent hand washing. Those who are sick should stay home. Thank you.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn of Invocation:Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation L Δ please stand after a brief interlude	SB 909
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts $\triangle 4$ Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon -	and of they or
cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre- hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing-kind ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir	- er
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Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might	- ter
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help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lor ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - da in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reig one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges rut	.y. gn.

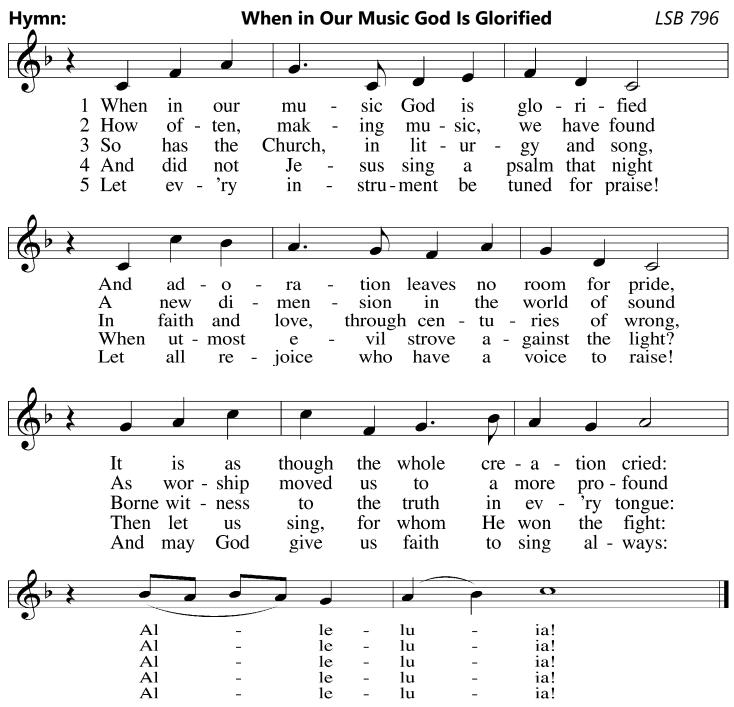
Invocation

- **C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- Thus says the Lord: No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. Ecclesiastes 8:8
- Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we humbly confess that we have not received every member of our race as gift and privilege. We have presumed to exercise Your authority over life and death.
- Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb? Job 31:15
- We have not acknowledged our own helplessness reflected in our neighbor's needs. We have not beheld Your image imprinted upon their bodies and our own.
- Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. Matthew 10:21
- **G** We have despised belonging to You. We have denied responsibility for one another.
- Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40
- **G** We have let our lips lie silent rather than advocating for the lowly. We have left our hands idle instead of aiding them.
- And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked . . . and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1, 3
- **G** We have worshiped our own desires. We have not served according to Your design.
- Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. Genesis 9:6
- We were brought forth in sin and have become altogether unrighteous. We have done what is evil in your sight and deserve the punishment we have brought upon ourselves.
- Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home. *Psalm 68:5-6*
- Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we repent of our condition. We plead for Your pardon and Your intervention. Do not cast us off but make us whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Substitute, and the only Savior. Amen.

- Thus says the Lord your God: You "have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." He has given Himself in Jesus Christ. By His shed blood Your sin is atoned for, and by His risen body Your iniquity is taken away. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 46:3-4
- C Amen.



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Collect

Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not,

to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 15:12–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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 of the Day: Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee LSB 573 did choose Thee; That. Ι 1 Lord. 'tis not that Ι know. could 2 It Taught my was grace in Christ that called me, dark - ened \wedge 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion: Praise the Fa - ther's still be: For this heart would re - fuse Thee Had Thy nev - er and mind: Else the world had vet en-thralled me. To Thy heart bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and our Thou hast from the that stained me sin grace not cho - sen me. glo - ries blind. Now wor-ship none heav'n-lv Ι a - bove Thee: King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Washed and cleansed and free un - to this set me And Thy lone Ι thirst. Know - ing well that. For grace a Him whom spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed by our That or - dained me, Ι end ev _ er live to Thee. if Ι love Thee. Thou. 0 Lord. didst love me first. - ra - tion То the Je ho - vah give. ad - o great -Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon:

Sit

"God Chose You"

Stand

Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord,

- **G** have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- P God the Father, Almighty Maker of body and spirit,
- **C** have mercy.
- P God the Son, Redeemer of humankind,
- **C** have mercy.
- **P** God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
- **C** have mercy.
- For Your rich grace whatever our ages and appearances; for Your great mercy notwithstanding our skills or circumstances; for the forgiveness of our sins; for our salvation from death; for the resurrection of our flesh; for everlasting life in Your presence; and for our inheritance of the new creation,
- **G** All thanks and praise to You, O Lord.
- By Your love as Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit; by Your incarnation as embryo in the womb and Your birth in a manger from the virgin Mary; by Your growth and obedience as a Son among us; by Your tears for our wounds and Your touch upon our weaknesses, Your bearing our sicknesses and carrying our sorrows; by Your own incapacitation upon the cross and Your death in sweat and blood; by Your rising to life again, leaving even our grave empty and abiding ever beside us; by Your ascension to exalt our nature, order our days, and prepare a place for us; and by Your coming again in glory for our immortality,
- G Help us, good Lord.
- **P** We poor sinners implore You
- **C** to hear us, O Lord.

- To bring an end to abortion and euthanasia; to banish from among us the production and destruction of embryonic brothers and sisters; to turn the hearts of those who permit, promote, or participate in violence against life; to strengthen all medical professionals always to care and never to kill; to move all public officials and elected authorities in support of policies, laws, and verdicts that protect the least of these; to defend our land from division, from aggression, and from the deception of death used as a solution; and to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
- **G** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To preserve from despair everyone facing infertility, surprise pregnancy, disability, or terminal diagnosis; to relieve those burdened by gender dysphoria; to liberate any enslaved by adultery or perversion; to deliver those scheduled for abortion; to grant safe homes and healthy families to those awaiting adoption; to absolve the guilt and ease the grief of those broken by the abortion of their own children; to work comfort and peace within those surviving the suicides of loved ones; to uphold and heal those suffering discomfort and disease; and to give all who are approaching death a blessed end,
- **G** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To gladden us in celebrating gifts of marriage, family, and length of days; to give us courage in speaking Your truth and compassion in showing Your love; to make us ambassadors of Gospel joy in every difficulty and agents of Gospel hope in all affliction; to impart gentleness and respect to our words and bestow sensitivity and winsomeness on our ways; and to bid us rejoice when any heart changes and delight with every saved life,
- **G** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **G** grant us Your peace.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- P O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.



C have mercy.

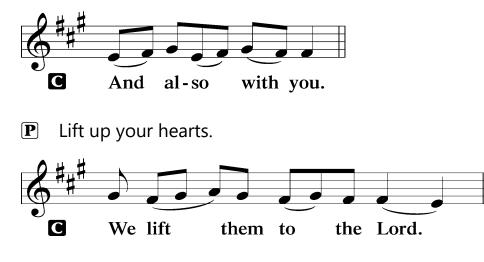
P O Lord,

• have mercy. Amen.

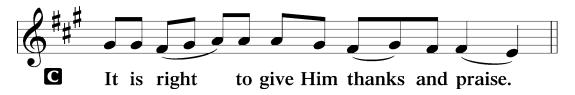
Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

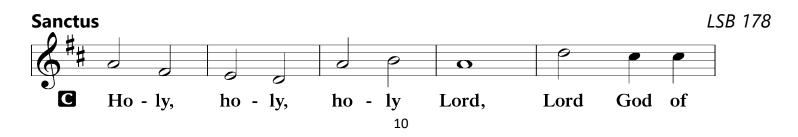


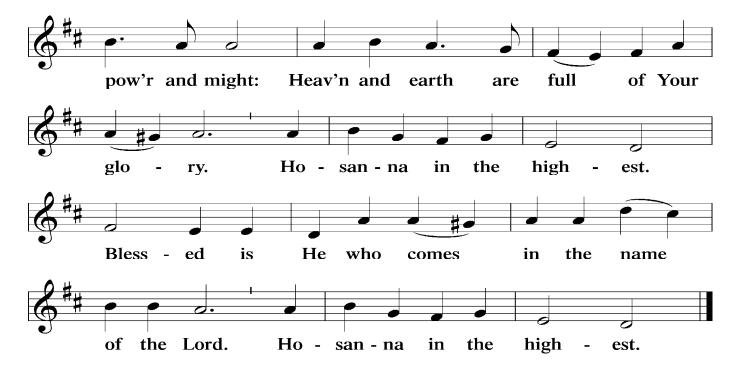
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for by the Spirit and Your Word He has brought the light of Your truth and the liberty of the forgiveness of sins to all who put their trust in Him. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

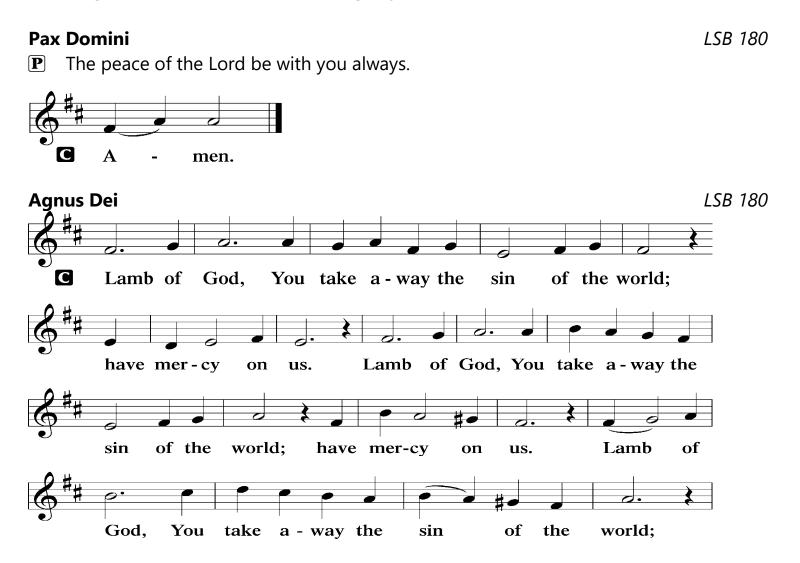
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.





Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns (Sunday) LSB 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Stand

(Saturday) Post-communion Collect

- **P** Let us pray together.
- ☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday) Post-Communion Collect

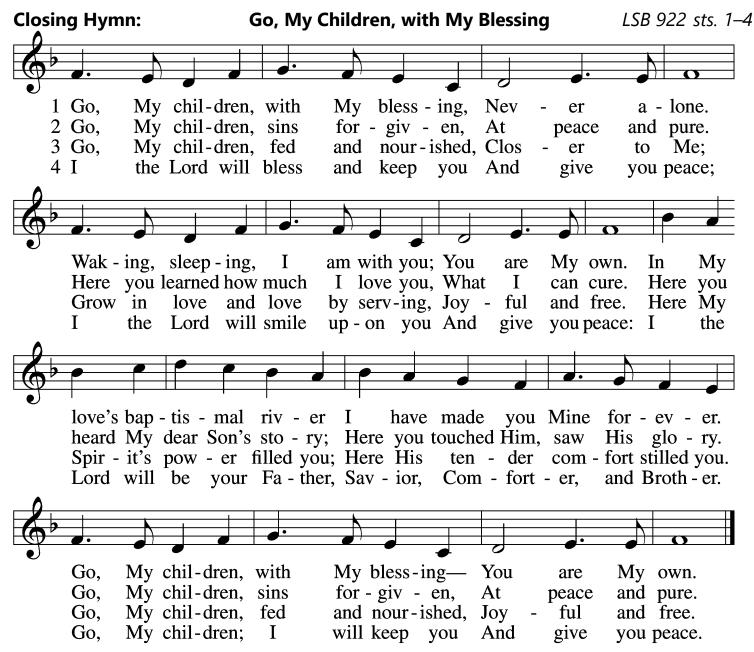
P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have made us glad and increased our joy, making us to share in the glory of Your Son's cross and resurrection by Means of His very body and blood given and shed for us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be His love and light in our world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



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Postlude

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Carol Ceaglske

Saturday

Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	·
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

Sunday	
Elder	Fred Sterns
Lector	P.J. Nunez
Greeter	Marilyn and Terry Young
Audio	Kyle Welch
Video	Video TD: Levi Hazzard
	GFX/Stream: Kris Welch
Altar Guild	Helen Borgwardt and Lolly Smith

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Carol Ceaglske
Elder	
Lector	Jon Lindstrom
Greeter	
Audio	Mariah Sawyer
Video	Video TD: Levi Hazzard
	GFX/ Stream: Jon Sawyer Jr.
Altar Guild	

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$103.20
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$4,760.20
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Epiphany III – Did Nehemiah's people weep for gladness or grief at the Word of the Lord (8:9)? Were they ashamed or excited to hear how He values even the seemingly weakest among us (1 Corinthians 12:22)? Did they resist or insist on acclaiming and proclaiming His favor unto people of whatever abilities or impairments (Luke 4:18-19)? Will we let these gracious words of good news fall silent before the altars of abortion and assisted suicide?

FLOWER SPONSOR – No Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – Team 1 is serving today; team 2 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING – The Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, January 26th at 6 PM.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE – We are participating in the Baby Bottle Drive for Options for Women Pregnancy Help Clinic. Please take a baby bottle home and fill it with loose change, bills, or a check made out to Options for Women, and bring the bottle back next week. If you are unable to provide a monetary donation, please consider praying for Options for Women and the women served by the clinic! All bottles are due in by next Sunday, January 30th.

BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS – Today (Sunday), January 23rd, the Board of Communication will be holding the first monthly meeting following the service in the Sunday School room. If you are interested in joining the board, or volunteering to help with any of the facets of what the board handles, please join us. There are many different opportunities available for all levels of knowledge. Hope to see you there!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY-Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway to bring your favorite soup to share on Sunday, February 13, during Fellowship Hour. The Outreach Committee will provide a salad bar, crackers, cheese, etc. There is no charge for the meal. The only thing we ask is that you bring an extra can of soup to your regular donations for Talbot House. Please put the canned goods in our regular donation spot in the mail room of the church. This annual event is always fun! We do need to know how many soups are coming so we can plan where to plug them in.

INFORMATION UPDATE REQUEST– In an attempt to make sure current contact information for everyone is on file with the Church Office, please complete the Information Request form enclosed in this week's bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

LWML-MITE CALENDAR - Mite calendars are available on the top of the cabinet in the mail room at the back of the church. They are for both January and February. They are only suggestions to use for filling the little purple and white boxes that are in the entryway under the bulletin board. Thank you for helping!

STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS – for 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 are available in your church mailboxes. Contact Diane Bickart if you have questions.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a winter visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

ENJOYMENT BOOKS FOR SALE – Enjoyment Books will be sold from November – February. Full of money saving coupons with some new places added. Still just \$30. For more information contact Cheryl Langanke at 863-965-4669.

ORGAN FUND – There are envelopes available in the Narthex area for making donations to the Organ Fund.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWERS - The Altar Guild has placed a Flower Chart Calendar for 2022 in the Narthex of the church. You can sign up for Altar Flowers in Church for anniversaries, birthday's, in honor of someone or any other occasion in your life. The monies collected help to finance the Altar Guild and pay for the Christmas and Easter flowers. If you want real flowers or your favorite colors for the artificial flowers, please contact Barbara Miller at 858-5790 at least two weeks before the date of the flowers.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact John Freer.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

NAMETAGS - We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Youth group for the Chili Cook off. Congratulations to Jim and Carol Kloha who won both People Choice and Judges Pick. Also, thank you to all the other participants. The Youth appreciates the support!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Quilters @ 10 am
	Trustee/Volunteer Work Day 9 am-Noon
Wednesday	In Person and ZOOM Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion 1:30 -2:30 pm
	Youth Group Meeting @ 6 pm
	Choir @ 7 pm
Thursday	Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30 pm
	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Book Study @ 4:30 pm
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Sunday School @ 9 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am