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HOSPITALIZED:

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, please let the office know.

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Karen Ferguson, Jim & Sue Gulley, Grover Van Dyke, Louie Heuermann, Helen Gottfrey (Laura's Granddaughter), Byron Webb, Charlotte Sparks, Joni Bradshaw, Clyde Lockenour, Rev Wayne Ahrens, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Norm Zentko, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Debbie Lawrence, Mike Clayton, Tina Hill, Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, CLS staff and students, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. *THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU* that if you have someone you would like to be remembered in The Prayer of the Church during worship on Sundays, send an email to angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 9th - DEC 15th)

MON 12/09:

TUE 12/10: Church Council.....6:00PM

WED 12/11: Chapel10:00AM

Adult Choir.....6:30PM

THU 12/12: Bell Choir.....4:00PM

FRI 12/13:

SAT 12/14: Cookie Walk.....9:00AM

SUN 12/15: Holy Communion 9:00AM

LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School10:15AM

Bible Class 10:30AM

DECEMBER 8, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Scripture of the Day

Malachi 3:1-7b, Philippians 1:2-11,

Luke 3:1-14(15-20)

Boldly living

Christ's extreme love;

Building Faith

and Community

Second Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR: Tommie Washington

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Alan White, Kirk Wessler, Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Colleen Lamberti, Feli Foote

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Kayley Smith, Gracie Smith

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Third Sunday in Advent The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20, The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:18-28.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Peace". The packets for Advent, contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the books of the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email or pick up a packet at the back door. If the packets are gone, see Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO - ADVENT PACKETS If you missed picking up an advent packet, there are still a few left! See JoAnn

Reith, Laura Baize, Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** The Sunday School classes (PreK-6) are practicing for our program, which will be held on Dec 22nd during the church service. If you would like your child to participate, please ensure they attend Sunday School for the next two Sundays! See JoAnn Reith if you have questions. **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY** After the Sunday School Christmas program, there will be a Christmas party for the kids (PreK-6th grades) upstairs in the old gym from 10:15-11:30 AM. We hope your child can attend!

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$10,099.00; MTD: \$10,099.00 Improvement Fund: \$10.00; MTD: \$10.00. Attendance: 125.

THIS IS THE 54th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what's coming and we don't.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in celebration of Paola Schmidtke's birthday, December 9th and Nat and Pao's 7th anniversary December 7th.

VIEW AND CHEW - No View and Chew until after the holidays.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Red poinsettias are available for \$11.00 each. Orders and money must be given to Christel Vandevoorde no later than today.

LWML COOKIE WALK IS COMING!!! Don't miss the annual LWML Cookie Walk THIS SATURDAY, December 14th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon in the Community Room. A large variety of cookies, candy and fudge will be available at \$7.00/lb. A container of homemade cookies and/or candy is an awesome gift for a neighbor or friend! Come early and shop for some of your favorite sweet treats!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available in the Narthex by the Nursery, next week. Please pick them up, but do not use them until January 2025. Most, if not all numbers have changed.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND HOPEFUL LIVING for January 2025 will also be available for pickup next week.

Order of Service
Corporate Confession p. 290

Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway" (LSB 343)

Confession and Absolution**Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:1-7b p. 802

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:2-11 p. 980

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-14(15-20) p. 858

Hymn of the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" (LSB 344)

Sermon

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries"

Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Nicene Creed**Prayer of the Church****The Lord's Prayer****The Words of Our Lord****Distribution Hymns**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (LSB 341)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (LSB 357)

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB 332)

Post Communion Thanksgiving**Benediction****Closing Hymn**

"Hark the Glad Sound" (LSB 349)

Organist Connie Bremer