

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023



Redeemer Lutheran Church and 3K/4K Preschool

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Pre-Service Music

Christmas Is Coming

Men's Choir

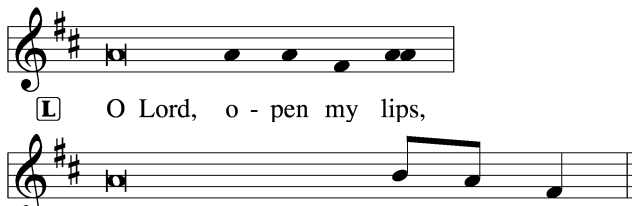
Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

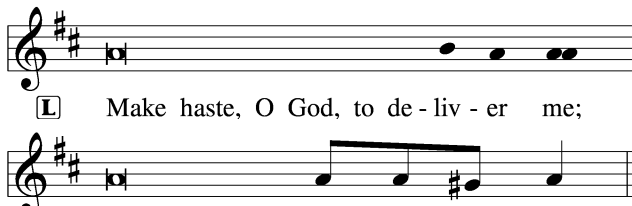
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(stanza 1: cong.; stanza 2: choir; [*Stand*] stanza 3: cong.)

Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

- [P]** ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- [P]** ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- [C]** ²**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- [P]** ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- [C]** ⁴**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**
- [P]** ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- [C]** ⁶**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- [P]** ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- [C]** ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**
- [P]** ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- [C]** ¹⁰**Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- [P]** ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- [C]** ¹²**let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**
- [P]** ¹³before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.
- [C]** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- [P]** ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2–7

P A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

P A reading from Titus, chapter 2.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.


[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Responsory


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Verse *To Refrain*



[L] 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



[C] Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Office Hymn *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

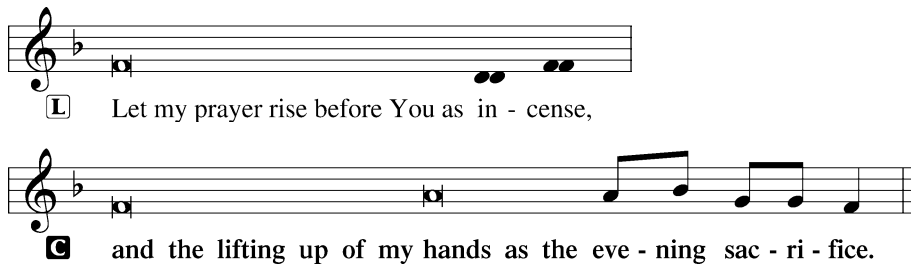
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Canticle

Stand

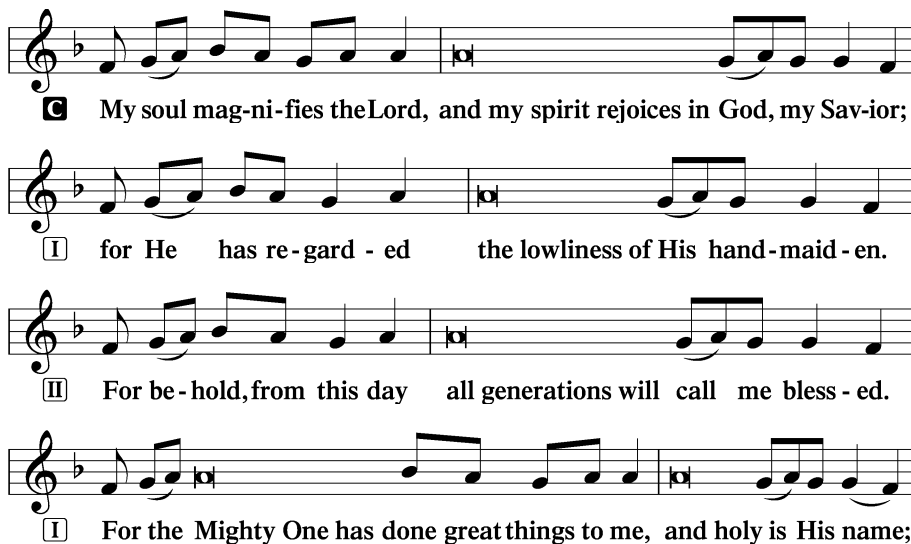


I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

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(**C**: Congregation; **I**: Pastor; **II**: Congregation)



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;
I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.
II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.
I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



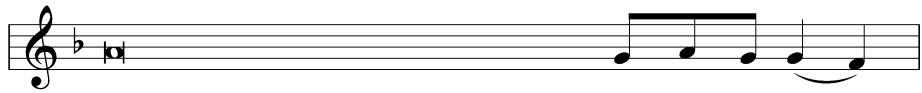
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



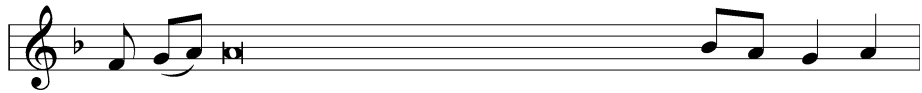
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



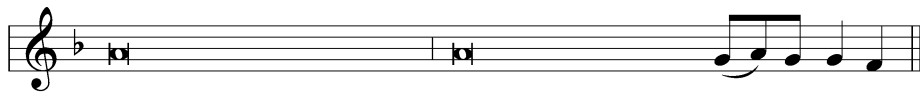
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

Sit

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary.



Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; 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 A - men.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we,

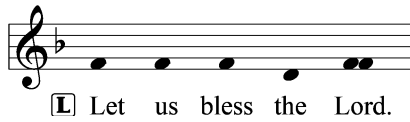
being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Stand

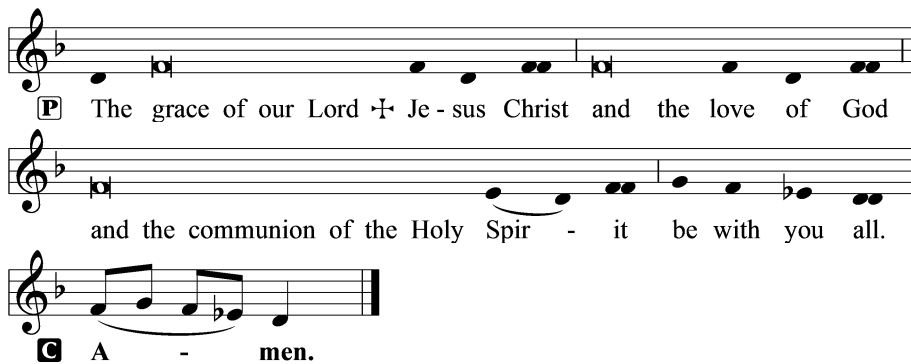
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Benediction

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Hymn to Depart

Silent Night, Holy Night

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w/ Handbells*

- 1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht

Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Acknowledgments

Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Joanne Thompson



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 24th

3:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Worship

Office closed all week

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, January 1st

No Worship

Office closed

Poinsettias: Thank You!

Thank you to the many people that donated funds to purchase the beautiful poinsettias decorating the church.

6 ½" Red Poinsettias

Jim & Sandy Schultz in memory of Marvin, Nora, and Dale Schultz

Jim & Sandy Schultz in memory of Glen, Susan, Kelly and Ann

Skubal, Casey Meneau

Mark Leicht in memory of his wife Donna

Mark Leicht in honor of his grandkids Willow, Jordy & Aaliyah

Judy Morvak in memory of her son Roy

Glenn & Doris Griepentrog in memory of their son Steve

Eunice MacDonald

Kay Felde in memory of Leon

Donna Panosh in memory of Jerry & Panosh family

Donna Panosh in memory of Bob Kautzer & family

Ann Hirssig in memory of James E. Hirssig and Violet Hirssig

Jeanne Matthias in memory of her brothers Gerald & Daniel

Keith & Laurie Magyar in memory of David Magyar

Keith & Laurie Magyar in memory of Roland & Jean Peronto

Michael Canty in memory of Mary Canty

John & Laurie Larson in memory of James Ihde

Charles & Diane Newberg in memory of Ann Newberg

Don & Kim Hafeman Family in memory of Donald Hafeman

Don & Kim Hafeman Family in memory of Annette Kittleson

Don & Kim Hafeman Family in memory of Donna Elm

Don & Kim Hafeman Family in memory of Deanna Hafeman

Harlas Luckow in memory of Merlyn & Daniel Luckow

4" White Poinsettias

Stephanie & Willow Leicht in memory of Grandparents Don & Audrey
Mark Leicht in memory of his parents Don & Audrey
Tom & Ginger Baryenbruch in memory of daughter Jennifer
Joanne Thompson in memory of her husband Bill
Marlene Damm in memory of her husband Cal
Doris Reindl in memory of her husband Lenny
Harlas Luckow in memory of Lillian Luckow

8" Planters

Rosemary Kautzer & Family in memory Bob
JoAnn Noffke & Family in memory of Jim
Penny Schneider
Carla Gregurich
Kris & Gary Neustadter
Jane Boerst and Boys in memory of Marty
Jill Bruss in memory of Dan, Florence & Jack Beduhn
Jill Bruss & Family in memory of Rudie Bruss
Lee & Jeanne Matthias in memory of their parents
Tamra Fricke in memory of her parents Gerald & Elizabeth
Sterrenburg

Swag

Stephanie & Willow Leicht in memory of Donna Leicht
Shirley Bowe in memory of her husband Don
Gary & Kris Neustadter in honor of their parents
Tamra Fricke in memory of Marge Cape
Curt Kittleson in memory of his wife Annette
John & Laurie Larson in memory of Ralph & Marie Ihde

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 25th.
 - The weekend of December 31st, 2024 there will only be one worship service at 9:00 A.M. with no Monday worship.
 - January 7th, 2024 will resume our regular worship schedule.
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Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 25th – Tuesday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd

Regular office hours resume

8:00am-1:00pm

Message from Pastor Schmitt

Dear friends,

I am looking forward to serving you as your Vacancy Pastor in the months to come. We certainly hope my tenure among you is short and the next pastor you call will accept your invitation to serve you for many years to come. I will need to arrange preachers for your Sunday Services, but will be with you for most of the Monday Evening Services, as well as the 7:00 and 9:00 Tuesday morning Bible Classes. I will be available for emergencies, hospital visits, and other pastoral duties at any time, and will be in the office Tuesdays until around 1:00 if you'd like to drop in. My cell is 920-418-1559, and my email is stmartinlcms.pastor@gmail.com.

Update from the Call Committee

The Executive Board has completed their review of the list of Senior Pastor candidates that the District Office sent through, and have sent their recommendations to the Call Committee. The Call Committee will now review that list and plan on meeting in the upcoming weeks to engage those candidates that look to be best suited to meet the needs of the church based on our self-survey.

Below is a list of the Pastor's that we will be considering as well as some links to information about them that you can find on-line. We invite you to click on these links and get to know the Pastor's better, and the committee certainly welcomes any feedback you might wish to share. Please note though that all these candidates might not make the final list to be presented at the next Voter's Meeting. As per the constitution, the committee will present 3-5 candidates at that meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact any member of the call committee.

Please see the links below for information/sermons from our current candidates. Note that two of our candidates are associate pastors and do not preach every week.

1. Andrew Dierks, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

<https://trinityarenaville.org/sermons>

2. Brian Doel, Our Savior Lutheran Church

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Doel is the Associate Pastor. I have listed some of the Sundays he gave sermons at the archive link below. Please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

<https://www.oslcminot.com/watch>

**Live Stream

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/oslc>

**Archive - Pastor Doel gave the sermon on 12/3, 11/19, 11/5, 10/22

3. Greg Hovland, St. John's Lutheran Church

<https://www.stjohnsportage.com/live>

4. Michael Nielsen, Salem Ev. Lutheran Church

[Salem Ev Lutheran Church Facebook](#)

5. Craig Neimeier, Zion Lutheran Church

<https://zionworms.org/sermons-2/>

**This link leads you to audio of the sermon only

<https://zionworms.org/visual-messages/>

**This link leads you to a video of the entire service

6. James Robinson, Martin Luther Chapel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvSzID-EpLQ&t=437s>

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Robinson is the Associate Pastor. In the video linked, he gives the sermon. If you watch any of Martin Luther Chapel's videos, please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

7. Pastor Alan Kornacki Jr, Bethel Lutheran Church

<https://www.facebook.com/bethelduquoin/>

The sermons are posted on the facebook page, click on the one you want to watch/listen to and it will take you to a separate page with links to the audio & video.

Locking Church Doors following Worship

There have been concerns that the building is properly secured following worship services. Therefore, the ushers are being asked to lock, or ensure the doors are locked, as they leave after finishing up their duties following church services. Please make a note of this, because people may still be in the building for other reasons, and if they wish to exit to the parking lot and return into the church or office, they will need to have someone let them back in.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available. We ask that you take your packet as soon as possible so that we can decorate for Christmas. PLEASE DO NOT use your envelopes until January as your # (number) may have changed. All offerings for 2023 should be received in the church office by December 30th.

We Need Ushers!

We need ushers! It is getting tougher and tougher to fill our schedule. It is a pretty straight forward task to serve your fellow church members on a Sunday or Monday. Handing out bulletins, lighting the candles and ushering communion are the key responsibilities. If you are interested, please let Mike Kaczkowski or one of the other board members know. We will set up training for those that sign up, and anyone currently ushering that would like a refresher course. Thank you!

Snow Removal Update

A family has agreed to do the snow sidewalk removal for the church. However, they are out of town/unavailable the following dates :

Jan 12-14

Jan 17-22

Feb 16-18

March 28-31

If it would snow and you are willing to help with the snow removal any of the above dates, please contact Kyle Weidmayer at (517)-282-0309 or by email at kweidmayer76@icloud.com. Thanks for your help!



Join us for a night of BINGO!

Play bingo and enjoy juice, popcorn and friends.

When: 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 27th

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church

If you have prize donations of snacks or gently used items drop them off at the welcome center. Thank you! Contact Beth Utecht with any questions, (952) 240-4817, bdegler34@gmail.com.

Epiphany Bonfire

Please join us for a bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday January 5th from 6-7p.m. We are remembering the Magi visiting Jesus by burning old real Christmas trees. S'mores and hot beverages will be provided.

