

# Third Monday in Advent

## December 18, 2023



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**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Entrance Hymn**

*Arise, O Christian People*

*LSB 354*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

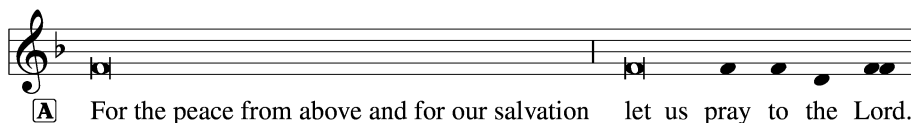
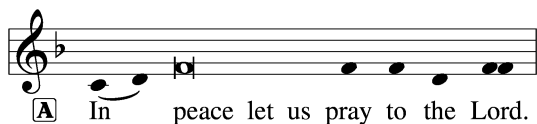
*Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn  
back to folly.
- C** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- C** Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.
- 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** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*





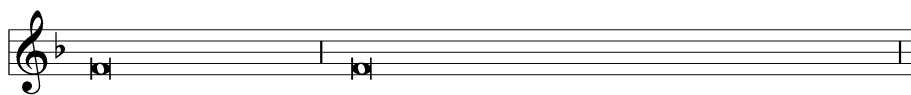
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



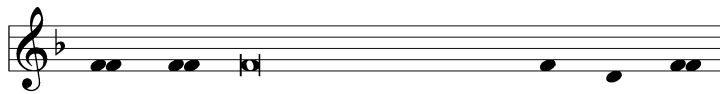
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

- <sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .  
<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,  
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
 as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
 to sprout up before all the nations.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Proper

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**C** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation.

**P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all  
 circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not  
 quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold  
 fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may  
 your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our  
 Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*





## Holy Gospel

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

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



<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding***

*LSB 345*

**Sermon**

*Stand*



## Prayer of the Church

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

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

## Offertory

*LSB 159*

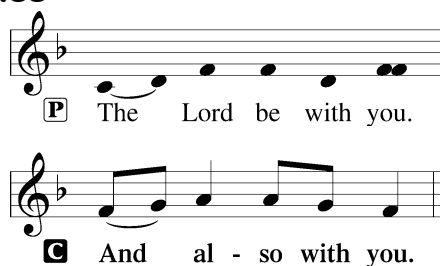


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

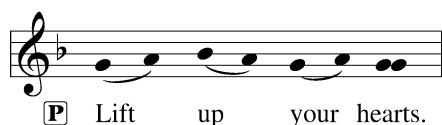
## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*



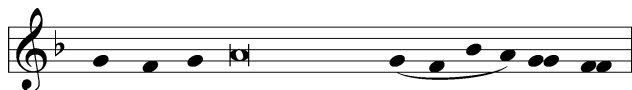
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

**P** 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.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

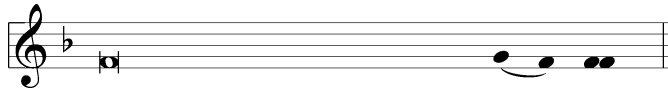
**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution of the Sacrament

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

### Distribution Hymns

<i>Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment</i>	<i>LSB 511</i>
<i>Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>	<i>LSB 563</i>
<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	<i>LSB 636</i>

*Stand*

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*



## Post-Communion Collect

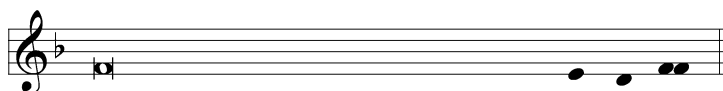
**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

*LSB 166*



**P** 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.



## Hymn to Depart *When All the World Was Cursed*

*LSB 346*

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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.

#### **Staff:**

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## **Serving our Lord in Worship:**

Preacher/Liturgist

Rev. Joel Brassfield

Organist

Monday: Crystal Otto

Wednesday: Ann Rhode

Ushers:

Monday: John & Michele Brixius

Wednesday: Pat Korte & Tom Baryenbruch

Communion Assistant

Sunday: Lee Matthias

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson

CD Recording

Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



**This Week at Redeemer**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship  
(Children's Program)

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
8:15 am Finance  
9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship  
3:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**Last Week Advent Attendance: 52    Last Week Advent Offering: \$396**

**Last Week Attendance: 128    Last Week Offering: \$6,838**



## 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.

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## *Advent/Christmas Schedule*

- Midweek Advent Service will be on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: There will be 9am service to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Eve Worship: Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The weekend of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 there will only be one worship service at 9:00 A.M. with no Monday worship.
- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will resume our regular worship schedule.

## 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://trinityarenzville.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.

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### **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.

## **Voters Meeting Handouts**

The voters meeting was last Sunday. If you were unable to attend, there are packets of information, and copies of the 2024 budget at the Welcome Center.

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## **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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **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!

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## **Youth Game Nights**

**Youth Game nights will be December 20th following confirmation. Game night on the 20th will be a Christmas party.**

**Haiku from Isaiah 64:**

**No one calls your name  
for you have hidden your face  
given us \_\_\_\_\_.**

## **Family Ministry Donations**

Family Ministry is looking for donations of candy canes (about 100), snacks (Peanut butter crackers, applesauce etc.---total of 100), candy and little trinkets (pencils, erasers, stamps) that will be used for three different events. Some will be used for the St. Nick's visit, other goodie bags are given to kids after the Sunday School Christmas Service and bags are handed out after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Services. Please put donations in the box by the welcome center. If you have any questions, talk to Beth Utecht or Johanna Harris.

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## **Kwik Trip**

Kwik Trip cards are stocked and available for purchase. These make great Christmas gifts! The gift cards will be available for purchase after Church on Sundays and they are always available in the office. Thank you for supporting the Preschool!

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## **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 :

Dec 22-24

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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

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### **Epiphany Bonfire**

Please join us for a bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### **Holiday Office Hours**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am-12:00pm

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Regular office hours resume

8:00am-1:00pm

## **Pastor Brassfield Installation**

The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Joel Brassfield. Your presence will make this a memorable experience for Pastor Brassfield and our Congregation.

## **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Installation of Rev. Joel Brassfield**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
3234 Mishicot Road  
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Divine Service with Holy Communion  
3:00pm  
Reception to follow at:  
The Lighthouse Inn  
1515 Memorial Drive  
Two Rivers, WI

If you are joining us for dinner,  
please RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup>  
920-793-1716