

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023



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Prelude

Announcements

Entrance Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LSB 380

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

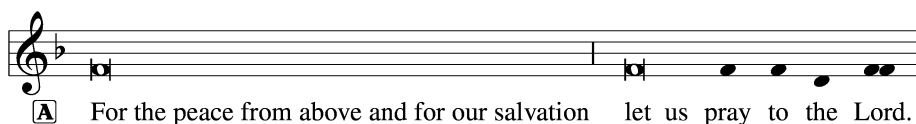
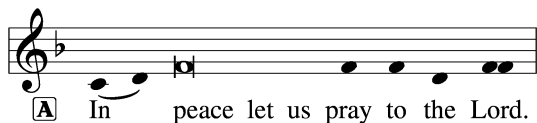
Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

- P** 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.
- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- C** **The LORD has made known his salvation;**
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 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** 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.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



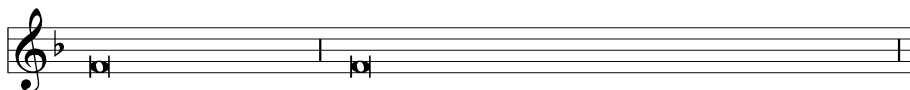
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



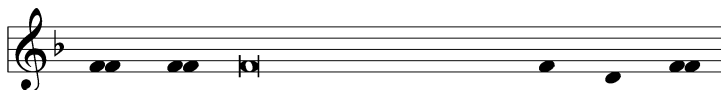
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



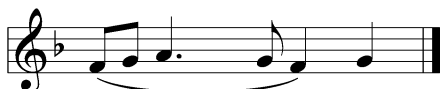
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



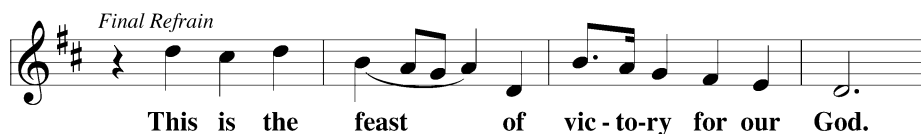
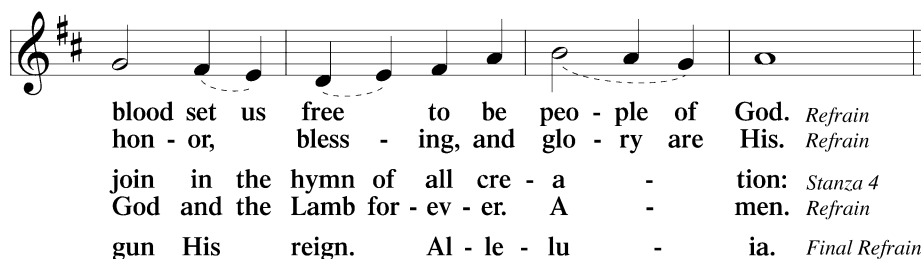
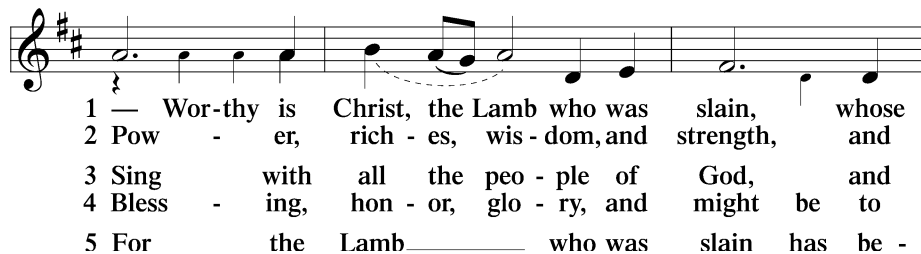
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

¹²like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156





Holy Gospel

John 1:1–14

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

LSB 367

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P 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

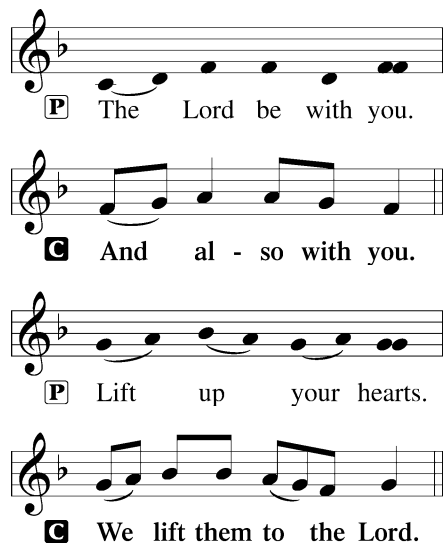


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in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

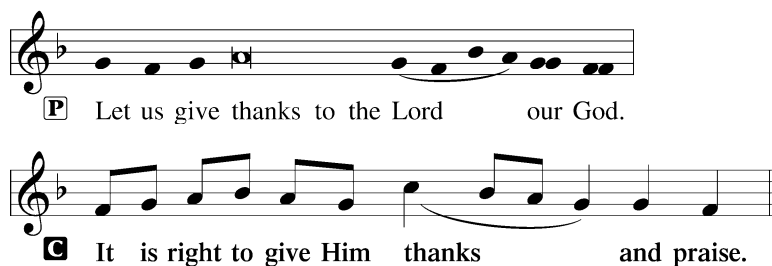
Service of the Sacrament

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.

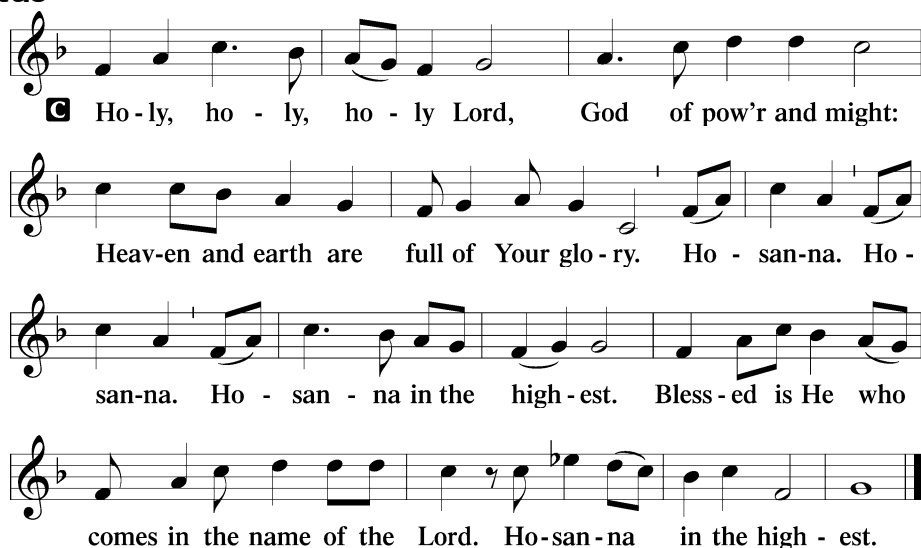
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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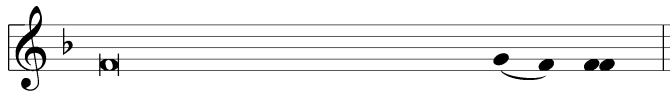
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven...

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

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| <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> | <i>LSB 359</i> |
| <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> | <i>LSB 388</i> |
| <i>Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors</i> | <i>LSB 339</i> |

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

☐ Let us pray.

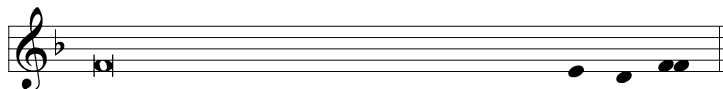
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You

would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

Joy to the World

LSB 387

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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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Communion Assistant

Bob Gregurich

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Joanne Thompson



This Week at Redeemer

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

- 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.

