

# *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham*

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**THE NAME OF JESUS: Savior, Christ, Lord**

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## **Welcome**

### **Introduction to Worship**

*From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.*

### **Call to Worship**

P: As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem’s manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

P: With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Carol: Angels, from the realms of glory ..... ELW #275**

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 4 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High .....ELW #289**

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray. . . Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 8**

L: <sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: <sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**C: <sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

L: <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

**C: <sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

L: <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**C: <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

L: <sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord”**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 12:2-6

L: A reading from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

L: Here ends the reading.

**Response:** O come, all ye faithful (refrain only) ..... **ELW #283**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-21

P: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Matthew.

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

P: Here ends the reading.

*A brief reflection on the lessons may follow.*

**Carol: That Boy-Child of Mary** ..... **ELW #293**

*Refrain*

That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,  
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

1 What shall we call him, child of the manger?

What name is given in Bethlehem? *Refrain*

- 2 His name is Jesus, God ever with us,  
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,  
born here among us in Bethlehem? *Refrain*
- 4 Gift of the Father, to human mother,  
makes him our brother in Bethlehem. *Refrain*
- 5 One with the Father, he is our Savior,  
heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem. *Refrain*
- 6 Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,  
give ourselves to him in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000

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**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord”**

**Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11**

L: A reading from the 61<sup>st</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the  
brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the  
prisoners;

<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 provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of  
ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of  
a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the  
LORD, to display his glory. . .

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown  
in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to  
spring up before all the nations.

L: Here ends the reading.

**Response:** O come, all ye faithful (refrain only) ..... **ELW #283**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Lesson:** John 1:19-23, 29-34

P: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of gospel of John.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by 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 it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for 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>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

P: Here ends the reading.

*A brief reflection on the lessons may follow.*



**Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter .....ELW #294**

- 1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
- 2 Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.
- 3 What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

**"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"**

**Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8**

L: A reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: Here ends the reading.

**Response: O come, all ye faithful (refrain only) .....ELW #283**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

## Lesson: Luke 1:26-35

P: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of gospel of Luke.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

P: Here ends the reading.

*A brief reflection on the lessons may follow.*

**Carol: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly .....ELW #276**

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing,  
tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the  
glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.

## Lesson: Luke 2:21-38

P: A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of gospel of Luke.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in



the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

P: Here ends the reading.

*A brief reflection on the lessons may follow.*

### **Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended**

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

### Prayer of the Church

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Guide your church to confess that Jesus is Lord. Fill us with wonder at the good and saving news of Jesus. May we treasure your words and meditate upon them, that we reveal your glory to the world with humility and hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your name, O God, is majestic in all the earth. You set the moon and stars in their courses. You are mindful of every work of your hand: flocks and cattle, birds and fish, seas and fields. Make us wise stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Bless the nations with your grace and peace. Inspire and uphold treaties, cease-fires, and international agreements that seek to calm strife between nations. Shield all those who work to protect vulnerable populations from exploitation or danger. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We cry, "Abba! Father!" as we seek your loving care in times of need. Heal those wounded by hurtful words. Console all who are weighed down by depression and anxiety. Call by name any who feel unloved, misunderstood, or rejected. Heal the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the fullness of time, O God. Give us gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come. Grace us with your presence during transitions: new jobs or schools, new homes, new diagnoses, or new relationships. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: With thanksgiving, we remember all the saints who proclaimed the name of Jesus in life and who now rest in glory. Show us our inheritance as adopted heirs of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

#### Offering Hymn: Cold December Flies Away .....ELW #299

- 1 Cold December flies away at the rose-red splendor. April's crowning glory breaks while the whole world wonders at the holy unseen pow'r of the tree which bears the flow'r. On the blessed tree blooms the reddest flow'r.  
On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden, full and strong in glory.
- 2 In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen. All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping. But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose golden light brings unending joy, brings the endless joy of our hope, highest hope, of our hope's bright dawning, Son belov'd of heaven.
- 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens. In the lily's purest flow'r dwells a wondrous fragrance. And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its birth; and its beauty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it spreads in its heav'nly brightness sweet perfume delightful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953

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## **Presentation of the Gifts**

### **Offertory Prayer**

P: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.

Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: 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.**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

#### **Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Announcements *(Please be seated)***

## Blessing

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Carol: Go tell it on the mountain .....ELW #290**

*Refrain:* Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	TBD
Altar	Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman
Lector	Cathy Mueller
Greeters	Mueller Family
Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Val McGinn
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jim's office hours will be changing in the new year. He will be in the office on Wednesdays from 10 to 1 pm and Thursdays from noon to 3 pm (instead of his Friday hours). As always, Pastor can be reached by text/phone at 267-664-3160 or email.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	1:00 PM	Bible study Resumes @Kathy & Joe Hlavaty's
Friday, January 6, 2023	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Welca meeting @ church
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	The Baptism of Our Lord / The First Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Sunday, January 8, 2023</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Confirmation Class at Trinity, Pleasant Valley
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023	12:00 PM	Presentation by Lynn Gaun on Church women's organization history.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday, January 9, 2023	7:00 PM	Church Council meeting
Friday, January 13, 2023	9:00 AM 3:00 - 7:00 PM	Cream of Broccoli Soup Prep Soup on sale for takeout
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	7:00 PM	PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church
Saturday, January 21, 2023	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Generosity And Vitality In The NOW Normal @ Trinity Landsale <a href="https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity-extravaganza/">https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity-extravaganza/</a>
Tuesday January 24, 2023	7:00 PP	Finance Committee Meeting

### BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS
5	Joe Hlavaty			6	Kaitlin Jensen

## January Outreach



The offering envelopes are being collected for the homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Outreach Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

## Reverse Calendar Challenge!



Our Reverse Advent Calendar challenge is almost complete. Please be sure to bring your filled boxes to the church by next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The challenge ends on January 8 when we find out which church in the Palisades Area Lutheran Ministry Group has collected the most boxes. The winning church will enjoy a free dinner cooked and served by the other churches in the group.

## Please lift up in prayer the following:



**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa Carafa; Deb

Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Alyse Mesko Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Saxton Vargo; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the grieving:** Wanda Altemose; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler