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# Love



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Love magnifies the beloved. It notices the unnoticed. It heralds the unheralded. It calls down blessings on what has been ignored and overlooked. Love is a cherishing attention that requires our whole hearts and our whole selves.*

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**Prelude:**

**GATHERING**

P: Greeting to you in the name of the triune God, the one whose word always accomplishes: the Shaper of Life, the Savior of Humanity, the Spirit of Renewal.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Stand if you are able)*

P: Today, as we confess our sins, we recognize how easily we overlook the gifts God gives. And we accept the sad truth that our limitations often create the conditions for sin. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Let us pray,

**C: God, we want a faith that feels like more than words, but we lack your power to embody goodness. We hear your call to serve others yet feel too worn out to make the food. We hunger to taste justice but fear the burning spice of the meal. We want our place at your table but resist sitting beside a stranger. We have lost our appetites for mere thoughts and prayers, but we fail to match our intentions to our actions. Forgive us and restore us with the healing wholeness of your presence. Amen.**

P: My friends, God knows we are imperfect. But God did not invite us here today for what we have done or how we have behaved. God loves us. God always cared much more for us than for our shortcomings. God forgives us all our sins.

**C: We accept God’s forgiveness and take our place in God’s purpose. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 266 Verse 1,2,3**

**All Earth Is Hopeful**



1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God’s cre - a - tive task: this, the  
“A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -  
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -  
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All



God’s truth and jus - tice set ev - ’ry - bod - y free.  
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
clear ev - ’ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
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P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

**Kyrie-WOV 601**

## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927

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### Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

### First Reading-Micah 5:2-5a

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

L: A reading from the 5th chapter of Micah.

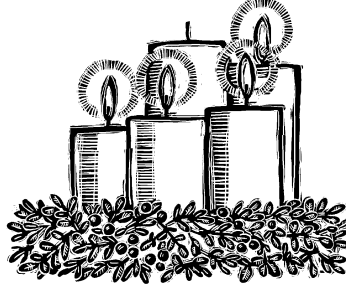
<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought

forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Fourth Sunday in Advent



P: Each of our Advent candles represents God's generous goodness, the advent of Jesus, God's greatest gift, the Spirit's fluttering flicker of joy. As we light each candle, we recognize the gifts God has given us this week. Together, we pray:

P: God, you shield us like tender flames;

C: **your care enables us to burn brighter.**

P: God, we pool our faith like candlelight;

C: **through you we reveal hidden goodness.**

P: God, your justice upends this broken world.

C: **Use your mercy to transform everything that harms.**

P: God, we reach for unreasonable hope;

C: **and you prepare an incomparable future.**

P: God, we breathe in your peaceful refuge,

C: **for you have made a place where we can safely rest.**

P: Joy ebbs and flows each day, holy God.

C: **so we pray to you in honesty.**

P: Your love grows unseen, holy God;

C: **we prepare for you everyday.**

P: Now that the warmth of God's presence fills this place, we pray that the Spirit will illuminate our lives through the words we hear, the songs we sing, and the pathways of prayer engraved on our hearts. We Pray:

### **Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

O'Brien Family: Jesus, you shape the world around us, even when you remain just out of sight. As we listen today, help us prepare our lives for you with loving anticipation.

*Place figures in Manger*

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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### Second Reading -Hebrews 10:5-10

*The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.*

L: A reading from the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

# Gloria

Capó 1 *Antifona*  
Mi  
Fa

Si<sup>7</sup>  
Do<sup>7</sup>

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Si<sup>7</sup>  
Do<sup>7</sup>

Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.  
and on earth . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

Mi  
Fa

Texto: *Gloria in excelsis Deo*; texto en inglés English Language Liturgical Consultation  
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## The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

*Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 257

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



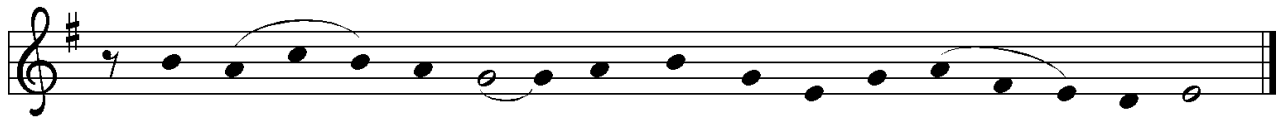
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cationum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.*

P: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill (*especially those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



## OFFERING

### Choir Anthem: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus- Jonathan Campbell

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### What Feast of Love

1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?  
What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## Offering Prayer

P: Together we pray. Holy Spirit, please bless these small gifts we give.

**C: You set the table with plenty of love.**

P: Prepare room in your home

**C: for my neighbor and me.**

P: Prepare a place in your vision

**C: for my neighbor and me.**

P: Prepare a seat at your table

**C: for my neighbor and me.**

P: Holy Spirit, you have blessed these gifts we give.

**C: You set the table with plenty of love.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: God is with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Offer your hearts to God

**C: We do, because we know God cares for us.**

P: We give thanks to God.

**C: God always deserves our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P: God, yours was the First Thought; before any human lived or knew your name, you whispered, and creation built itself around your words. Before your ancient people knew the depth of your love, you promised them goodness, and led them to freedom.

**C: Your love grows unseen.**

P: Before the world knew your face, your own child was born in a quiet stable.

**C: Your love blooms in the dark.**

P: Before we knew the depth of your love, your child died, crucified, and you forgave, and new life grew in the grave.

**C: Your love echoes in the silence.**

P: Once you made Mary agelessly blessed. Once you turned turncoat disciples into the family of the forgiven. You wrote the words for their hope, and they sang the song of joy. What you have done for them you have also done for us. So we sing your praise:

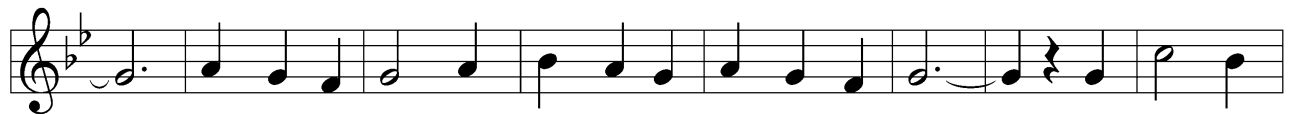
## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation  
Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

On a night of betrayal, Jesus pulled close friends closer to eat with them one last time.

Jesus taught them, Jesus served them, Jesus took bread and said, This is my body, given for you, so you can eat it whenever you are hungry and every time you are hungry you can know my love.

Then Jesus took a cup filled with wine, and said, My forgiveness is more than words. This is my blood, poured out for you, so you can drink it to know that I forgive every sin.

This is the body of Jesus, the blood of Jesus. Jesus, we remember you died.

**C: We remember.**

P: We remember God's love sparked life in your dead body.

**C: We remember.**

P: We remember you shall return to empty every grave.

**C: We remember.**

P: And we remember these gifts as we pray the way Jesus taught us:

**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: Holy Spirit, you are here now in this food, where you embody forgiveness; and in these people, whom you have leavened with grace. People of God, God's love grew unseen, but now you know it; God's love echoes in silence, but you have sung the song. Now come taste the goodness of God's mercy and notice what God has done for you.

Lamb of God 621

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

\* May be sung in canon beginning here.  
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**SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 265**

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God, what you have planned for us unfolds slowly.

**C: Your love is often unrecognizable, unappreciated, gentle and unnoticed.**

P: But in this place we have noticed what others do not see.

**C: We have tasted your unspoken goodness. And now we will magnify your love.**

**Announcements**

**BLESSING**

P: Where is the care in this world? Where is the faith we were promised? Where is the hope we desired, when peace moves into our homes, and joy is a constant presence, and justice is for everyone?

**C: God, this world waits to know that your love is more than words.**

**Sending Song: ELW 439**

**Soon and Very Soon**



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

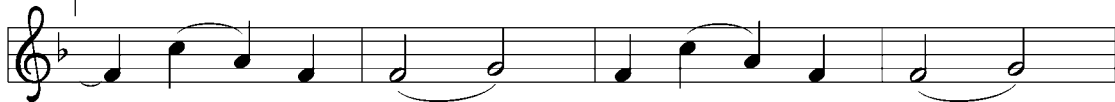


soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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**DISMISSAL**

**P:** People of God, you have already shared the advent of God's goodness. You carry the blessing of God, God, the First Whisper, Jesus, the Living Promise, Spirit, the Speaker of Hearts. Now go into this world expecting God's justice and nurturing God's peace.

**C:** God, we will magnify your love.

**Postlude:**



Our Outreach envelopes for December will support AHUB (Advocates for the Homeless in Upper Bucks) as they work to provide Code Blue shelter to the homeless during bad weather.

| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                                  |   |  |                 |
|---|---|--|-----------------|
| <b>December</b>                                       | <b>BIRTHDAYS</b>  | <b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>   | <b>BAPTISMS</b> |
| 23  | Scott Gaun,<br>Clayton Helfrich,<br>Porter Genthner         | Cheryl & Wayne Mesko<br>(47)   |                 |
| <b>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</b>                         |   |  |                 |
| <b>Sunday, December 22</b><br>Fourth Sunday of Advent | 9:15 AM<br>9:30 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b>                       | Adult Sunday School in Library<br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>Communion Worship</b><br><b>11:30-1:30 Messy Church</b>      |                 |
| Monday, December 23                                   | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM  | Admin Office Hours   |                 |
| <b>Tuesday, December 24</b><br>Nativity of our Lord   | <b>5:30 PM</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>                            | <b>Bishop Bryan Penman Worship-Upper Tinicum</b><br><b>Communion Worship at Durham</b>                               |                 |
| Wednesday, December 25                                | MERRY CHRISTMAS   | No Office Hours  |                 |
| Thursday, December 26                                 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  | Admin Office Hours   |                 |
| <b>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</b>                            |   |  |                 |
| <b>Sunday, December 29</b><br>Lessons and Carols      | 9:15 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b>                                  | Adult Sunday school in the library<br><b>Communion Worship</b>   |                 |
| Monday, December 30                                   | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM  | Admin Office Hours   |                 |
| Wednesday, January 1                                  | Happy New Year!   | No Office Hours  |                 |
| Thursday, January 2                                   | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>12:00 PM                              | Office Hours<br>Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim   |                 |
| <b>Sunday, January 5</b><br>Epiphany                  | 9:15 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b>                                  | Adult Sunday school in the library.<br><b>Communion Worship</b><br>Undecorating Church                               |                 |
| Monday, January 6                                     | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM  | Admin Office Hours   |                 |
| Tuesday, January 7                                    | 7:00 PM   | Council Meeting  |                 |
| Wednesday, January 8                                  | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  | Office Hours   |                 |
| Thursday, January 9                                   | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>12:00 PM<br>1:00 - 3:00 PM<br>7:00 PM | Office Hours<br>Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim<br>Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's<br>PALM Program Planning meeting at Durham |                 |



Today's alter flowers are donated in honor of Clayton Helfrich's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

David Antoni; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Silas Rodenbach; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplín; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Ruth Sauter; Bart Shaw; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

**For those who are Homebound:**

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller and Ed Xander.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Norma Fox and Kenneth Hager

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: [joanmammana@icloud.com](mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com)

**Worship Assistants**

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| Preacher                     | Rev. James Heckman                        |
| Organist/Choir Director      | Carolyn Williams                          |
| Altar Guild                  | Mark Harwick, Linda Sauter, Suzanne Mauer |
| Greeter(s)                   | Lilly O'Brien                             |
| Acolyte                      | Tucker Wagner                             |
| Lector                       | Kris Simmons                              |
| Head / Communion Usher       | Mark Harwick                              |
| Council Communion / Counting | Jack Pyne & Ken Anderson                  |
| Technology & Livestreaming   | Ken Anderson                              |
| Administrative               | Kathryn Wagner                            |
| Custodian                    | Dianna Streletz                           |

**MESSY CHURCH**  
 Sunday December 22  
 11:30AM-1:00 PM

Christmas Worship

LIFE IS MESSY, CHURCH CAN BE TOO!

Coffee, Light Lunch, Sweets  
 Games, Crafts and Fellowship  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

**Please join us downstairs after the service!**