



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

(8:00 & 10:30) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr: Cynthia Dobrinski

*Opening Hymn

LSB 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

*Invocation

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 A _____ men

Baptism (10:30)

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*Opening Sentences

Psalm 33:20-22

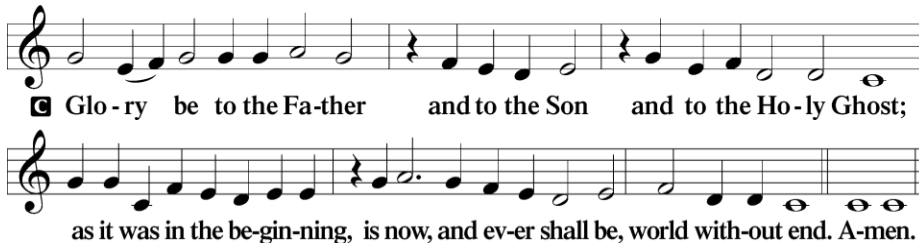
- P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
C He is our help and our shield.
- P** For our heart is glad in Him,
C Because we trust in His holy name.
- P** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
C Even as we hope in You.

*Confession and Absolution

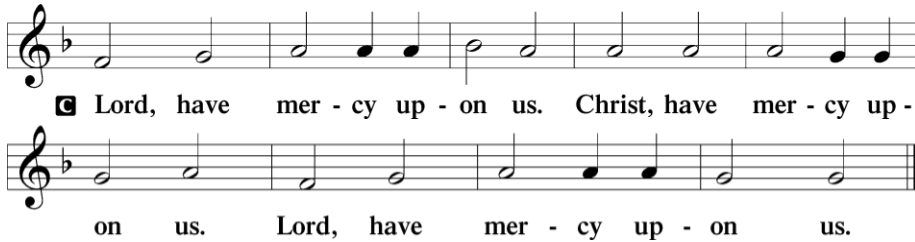
- P** Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all

knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

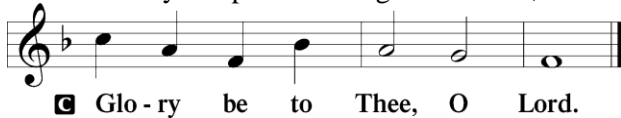
*Alleluia



*Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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.

Hymn of The Day

LSB 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
 Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be

That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

Offertory Anthem (8:00 & 10:30)*Advent Hope*

arr: Derek K. Hakes

***Offertory**

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church**Lord's Prayer**

- 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus




C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

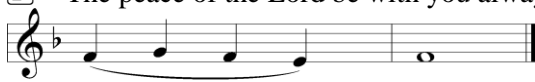


bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

***The Words of Our Lord**

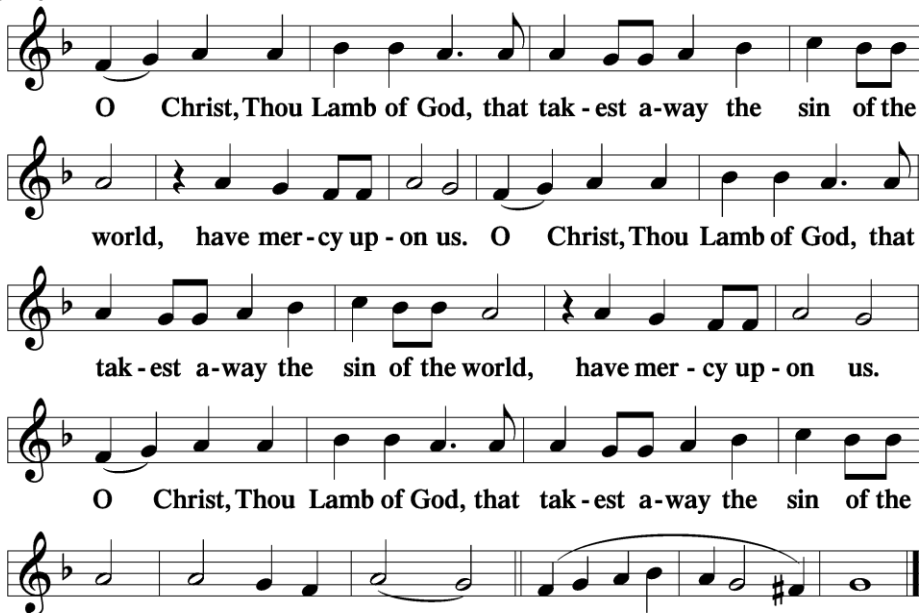
***Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

***Agnus Dei**



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Anthem (8:00 & 10:30)
Advent Meditation

Dan R. Edwards

Distribution Hymn

LSB 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



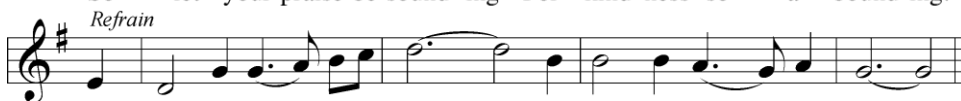
- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Distribution Hymn

LSB 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



- 1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
- 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall




sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Distribution Hymn


LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

*Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

*Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to
King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -
near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly
va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.
To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

(8:00 & 10:30) *O Come Rejoicing*

arr: Martha Lynn Thompson

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgists: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman; 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler

Choirs: Bells of Peace and Handbell Ensemble

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: R. Goodman/B. Dressel/B. Hentchel

Elders: 5:00: Art Hoeflerlin, John Hooss; 8:00: Alan Hopfer, Steve Kienstra;

9:20: Mark Maloy, John Roesch; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Kyle Hopfer

Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Jakob Beutelmann, Greg Hard, Stephen Schultz, Todd Wessling, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Mike Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Dave Carlson, Joseph Kreidler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger

Acolytes: 5:00: Adelene Beutelmann, Ava Gamayo; 8:00: Hailey Brawley, Hannah Brawley; 10:30: Ward Davis, Erick Jacobsmeyer

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20: Bruce & Jane Herzog; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton

Altar Committee: Jeanne Hooss and Diane Woehr

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class I (Sanctuary Hall): I Samuel

Women's Bible Class (Commons Conference Room): led by Janice McCreary

Sunday School: Meets in classrooms – visit the Sunday School Office for more information

Youth Bible Class (Youth Room): led by Christina Stackle

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

JOIN US FOR ADVENT DINNER AND ADVENT WORSHIP this week, as the midweek Advent services return. Dinner will be hosted by the Youth and begins at 5:00 p.m. in the gym, serving lasagna. Advent worship is at 6:30 p.m. and will be a service with Holy Communion.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is in progress this weekend. The railings are down, please remain standing when you come up for Holy Communion. Thank you.

BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES the generous financial support of the following donors whose contributions were received after the program printing deadline: Special Gifts from Nate and Julia Schmoll and from Kathy Ebmeier, and a Patron's Gift from Ron, Paul, and Josh Loesch. Thank you.

STONIE'S SAUSAGE SALES CONTINUE at the Commons counter now through January 1, between services, for delicious individually wrapped Stonie's Sausages! All proceeds benefit our Alaska mission work. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeflerlin.

GIVING TREES are up again this year. If you would like to participate, please take an ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift you have chosen and return it unwrapped to the tree outside of the church office by next Sunday, December 10. The gifts will be given to Feed My People.

OUR ANNUAL GERMAN SERVICE is scheduled for next Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. English helps will be provided. The service will be re-broadcast on AM 850 KFUE radio Sunday, December 17.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE is Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, featuring the Orchestra of Peace, Bells of Peace, with Special Guest, Soprano Christine Brewer. The concert is free and tickets are NOT required. The annual concert has become a Christmas tradition at Peace. You don't want to miss it!

THE MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT NEEDS YOUR HELP! The tree lot is open now and will operate until Sunday, December 17, or until the trees are gone. Volunteers are needed for cashiers, selling, wrapping, and loading trees for customers. Sign up in the Commons.

ALASKA MISSIONS is currently collecting gloves and mittens. If you would like to donate, please place in the Alaska Mission Collection Box in the commons. Our Christmas Basket sales begin in the gymnasium this weekend. We are grateful for the continued support of our wonderful church family.

PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB will be decorating the church for Christmas this Friday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, they will have pizza in the kitchen meeting room. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Heather Carlson no later than December 6 so they know how much pizza to order.

PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CHRISTMAS PARTY is next Saturday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Cost is \$10 per couple. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Please also bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange. We will have a contest for the best "Christmas Character". Please RSVP to Heather Carlson and let her know what you plan to bring.

FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available for families with children in preschool through second grade. You will find a devotion book with matching ornaments to color in your mailbox. Extras can be found on the commons welcome center. There are 20 devotions to help you and your family learn more about the names of our Savior Jesus.

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Next Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Peace will be caroling in the surrounding neighborhoods. Song sheets will be provided. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in festive, holiday attire. Food is provided for carolers. If interested in joining us, please sign up on the sheet on the Commons counter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for the holidays and will resume Wednesday, January 3, continuing the study on the book of Genesis.

"CRAZY, BUSY, PEACEFUL, HOLY NIGHT" is the JK3-4th grade Christmas program at Green Park this Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Directed by the Green Park teachers and Music directed by Julian Hoy. Join them for a Christmas Musical!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

- Sunday, December 3: 11:30am – Life Ministry
2:30pm – BOAR’S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
6:00pm – BOAR’S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
- Monday, December 4: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 5: 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Plastic Mat Making
9:00am – Refit Exercise
6:30pm – Social Ministry Meeting
7:00pm – Christmas at Peace Rehearsal
- Wednesday, December 6: 9:30am – Banner Committee
4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
5:00pm – Advent Dinner
6:30pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Thursday, December 7: 9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Class
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Friday, December 8: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Married Couples Club Christmas Decorating
- Saturday, December 9: 10:00am – Christmas Caroling
5:00pm – High School Youth Christmas Party
6:00pm – Married Couples Club Christmas Party
- Sunday, December 10: 11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club
2:30pm – German Christmas Service
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play