



*When they
saw the star,
they rejoiced
exceedingly
with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10, ESV

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

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

*Opening Hymn

LSB 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

***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 (5:00)

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***Opening Sentences**

Psalm 43:4; 124:8

[P] I will go to the altar of God,

[C] To God my exceeding joy.

[P] Our help is in the name of the LORD,

[C] Who made heaven and earth.

***Confession**

[P] I confess to almighty God,

[C] Before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

***Absolution**



[C] A _____ men.

***Gloria Patri**

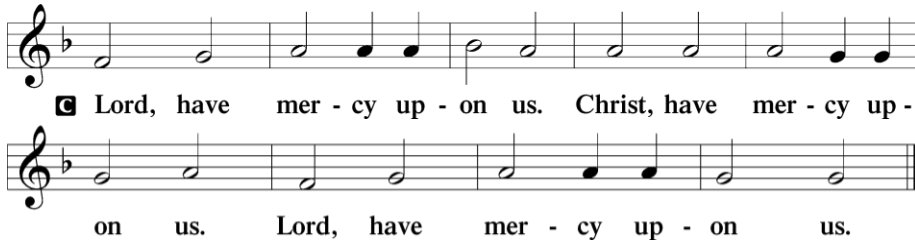


[C] Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



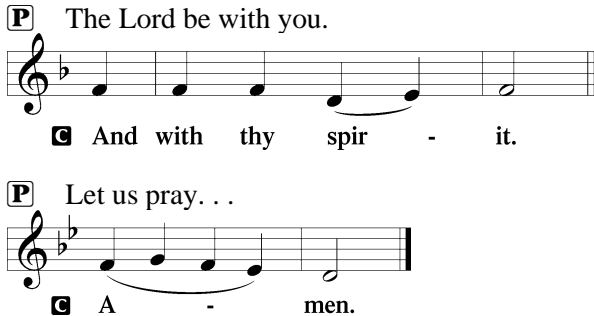
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

*Kyrle



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 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his

holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.

Hymn of The Day

LSB 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Sermon

“Revealing the Savior of the World”

(Ephesians 3:1-12)

Sermon Notes:

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

***Offertory**



***Prayer of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

☐ 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.



P Lift up your hearts.



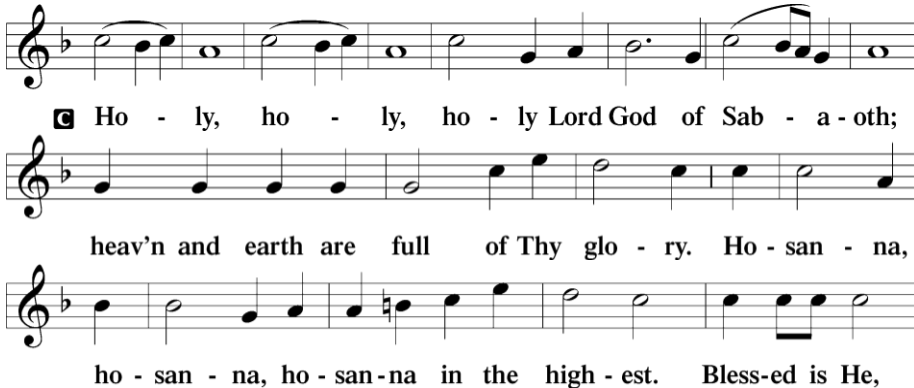
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



*Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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



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 Hymn

LSB 412 The People That in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Distribution Hymn

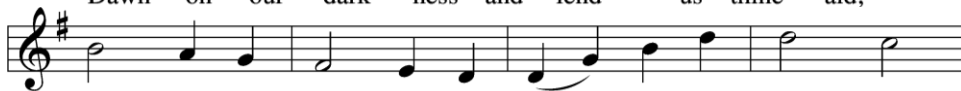
LSB 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

*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,



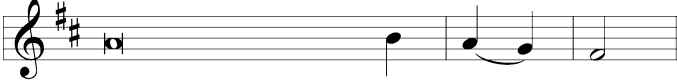
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

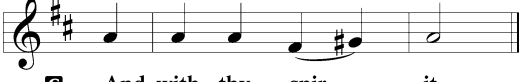
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*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 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Jon Furgeson; **Communion Assistant:** 9:20: Pastor Dennis Kastens

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

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: D. Seyfert/A. Hopfer/W. Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Dave Carlson, Art Hoeferlin; 8:00: Mark Dowell, Rick Goodman;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Bob Wolff; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Rob Uthoff

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke

9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 5:00: Adelene Beutelmann, Ashley Kaul; 8:00: Hannah Jurchen, Lydia Jurchen;
10:30: Thad Glessner, Kaleb VanDenBerg
Greeters: 8:00: Joe & Diana Doskal; 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton
Altar Committee: Lew and Marilyn Rosenbaum

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will be available for pick up today after the 10:30 service.

PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB FAMILY GAME NIGHT AND POTLUCK is next Saturday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Kitchen Meeting Room. Please bring a main dish, or a salad, or a vegetable, or a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Gina Werkmeister no later than January 11.

THE LIFE MINISTRY TEAM WILL BE TRAINING NEW MEMBERS and would like to invite anyone interested in joining the team. They sponsor various (Life Affirming) activities with the congregation. If interested in joining this ministry team, contact Steve Andrews.

A SIX-WEEK NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS Sunday, January 21, noon to 1:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. A light lunch is provided each week. To register, visit our website or the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the gym. Questions? Contact the church office.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR LIVESTREAM SERVICE Beginning this weekend, our Sunday morning worship service will no longer be livestreamed. Instead, the service will be recorded and available for viewing on our YouTube Channel by noon each Sunday.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST is this Thursday, January 11, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh. Open to single or widowed members of Peace.

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, we will be issuing a combined January/February Peace Lutheran newsletter.

BABY BOY COLLECTION SHOWER continues for our Deaconess Intern, Abby Reynolds, and her husband, Aaron, who had a baby boy, Ezra John, on December 20. Items will be collected until January 21. If you would like to donate, place gift items in the Pack-n-Play in the Commons. Monetary donations or gift cards can be placed in the collection box next to the Pack-n-Play.

MONTHLY LWML LADIES GUILD MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 18, 11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Come for fellowship and learn about Peace LWML Ladies Guild.

LWML MITE BOX OFFERINGS will be collected at the Welcome Center next weekend after all services. Empty your mite box or pick one up if you don't have one! This supports our many Grants funding Mission Projects.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD is seeking a Preschool Teacher to begin in August for the 2024-2025 school year. Class time is 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Interested candidates should contact Sue Velten.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

- Sunday, January 7:** 11:30am – Life Ministry
3:00pm – Youth Baseball Practice
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, January 8:** 3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Church Council
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, January 9:** 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
5:00pm – Ladies Club Board Meeting
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball
7:00pm – Boy Scout Eagle Board of Review
7:00pm – Southside Dart Ball League
- Wednesday, January 10:** 11:15am – Preschool Chapel
4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
6:30pm – High School Youth Group
7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Thursday, January 11:** 9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast
9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Friday, January 12:** 3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
- Saturday, January 13:** 6:00pm – Married Couples Club Game Night and Potluck
- Sunday, January 14:** 11:30am – Baptismal Remembrance
11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club
3:00pm – Youth Baseball Practice
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
6:30pm – Sanctus Winds Rehearsal