



2nd Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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(Please ask an usher)

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2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Advent Triptych

John Ferguson

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying,
Comfort, Comfort Now My People

WELCOME

GATHERING SONGS

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

THE LIGHT OF ADVENT

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way,
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness,
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

C **Amen**

Two candles are lit as the hymn is sung.

Verses 1 & 2

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Sir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Please be seated.

L A reading from Isaiah.

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet known as Second Isaiah announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel in an exodus more magnificent than the exodus from Egypt. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of
Judah,

"Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L The Word of the Lord.

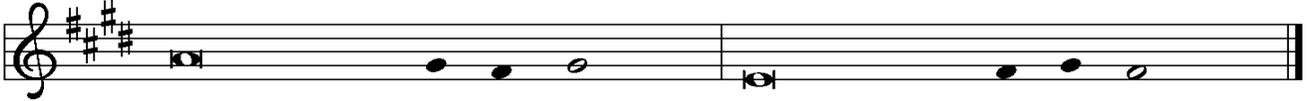
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 85 1-2, 8-13

Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13)

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You have been gracious to your ¹ land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- ¹ tune of Jacob.

**²You have forgiven the iniquity ¹ of your people
and blotted out ¹ all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD ¹ God is saying,
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their ¹ hearts to you.

**⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have ¹ kissed each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up ¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look ¹ down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed ¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will ¹ yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall go be- ¹ fore the LORD
and peace shall prepare for ¹ God a pathway.**

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

L A reading from Second Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Bible page 910

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (*See previous page for Gospel Acclamation*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!"

Pastor Lee Heim

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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Congregation sings verses 1 & 3, Choir sings verse 2

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

In hope and expectation, let us pray for restoration and peace, light and life.

A brief silence.

Prepare the way for your people of every language, tribe, and nation, O God, and comfort them with compassionate leaders whose hearts are set on your ways of truth, righteousness, and justice. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

Prepare the way for your church, O God. Like John the Baptizer, may it fearlessly yet humbly announce the coming of your Son, who promises to feed his flock like a shepherd. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

Prepare the way for all creation, O God, that every element be infused with your care through our concern for all that you have made. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

Prepare the way for the weak and elderly, O God, and through us be their tender strength and comforting courage. Let them know that they are not forgotten. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

Prepare the way for this assembly, O God, that we would lift up our voice in strength and faithfully speak your word of favor, pardon, and peace for all people. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

Prepare the way for the communion of saints to be realized more fully among us, O God, that with all our beloved dead, we might be united with one voice to sing your praises in heaven and on earth. Stir up your power, O God;
stir up your power and come.

You are with us, O God, and our spirits rejoice in your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Robert A. Hobby

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

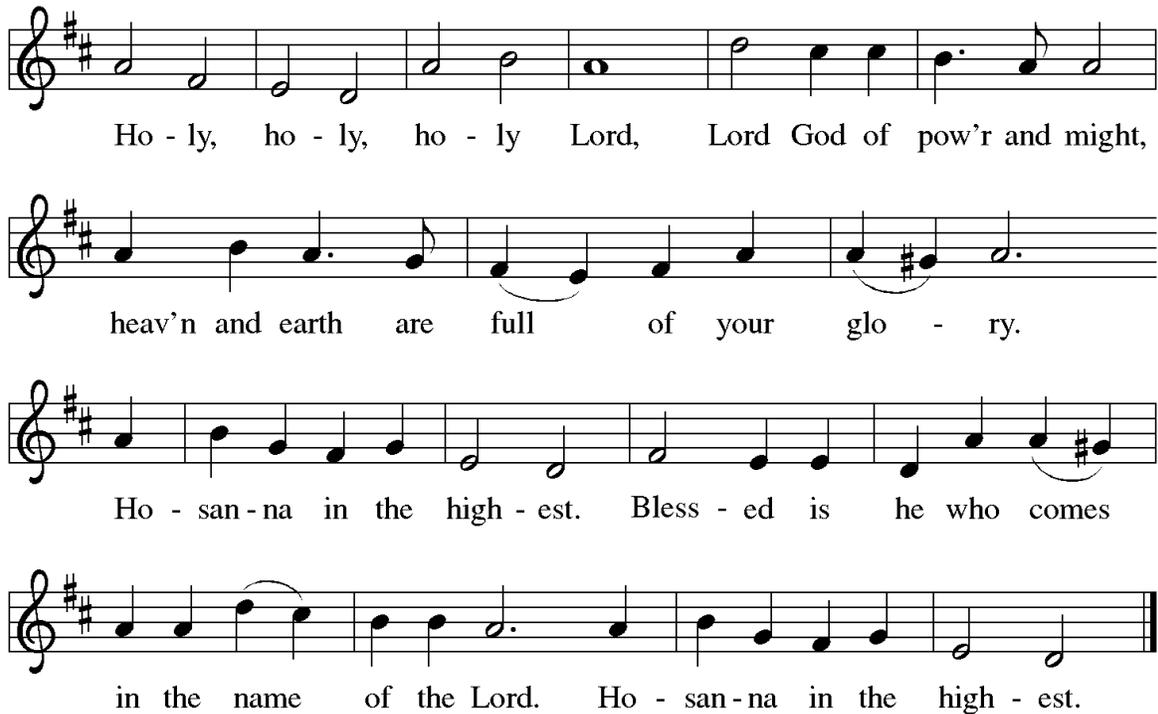
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

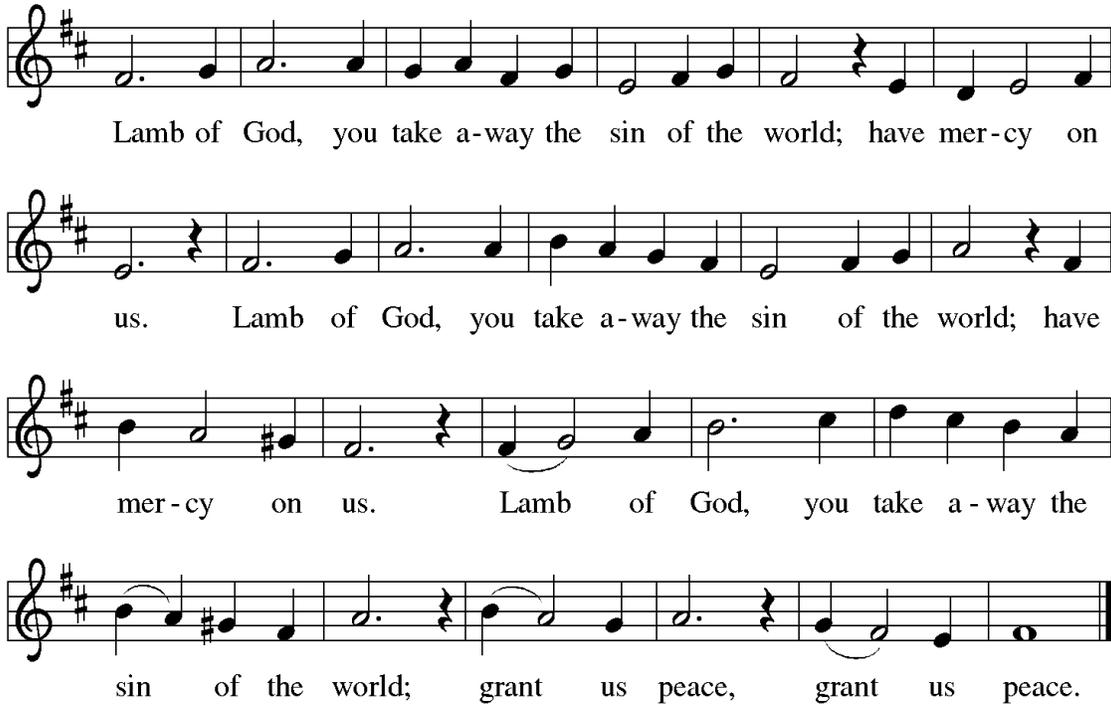
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.
Please be seated.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

LAMB OF GOD



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

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P Please rise.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, † Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

L Let us Pray...

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

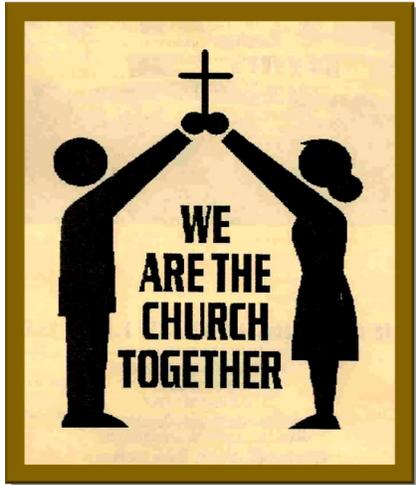
POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding MinisterPastor Lee Heim
Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford
Lectors Yvonne Troedson, Suzanne Wilke
Cantor/Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Communion Assistant Bob Dailey
Home Communion Minister Pat Smith
Usher/Greeter Smith & Knoll Families
Altar TeamKathy Obermeyer



Announcements

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Arie & Paula Kroeze celebrating their
42nd wedding anniversary
and



Tom and Jeanne Hardin in memory of
Carrie Hardin who would be celebrating her 94th birthday.



BAKE SALE results: \$271! The Building Fund thanks you.

ALTAR CARE TEAM meets today after church. Altar set-up, leadership, scheduling, and planning for 2015 will take place.

MINISTRIES MEETING—WEDNESDAY 7:00PM

Christmas Giving Tree and Sock Tree

Beginning November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, two trees will stand in the Narthex which present you with opportunities for Christmas giving. A sock tree will be a bare tree to be adorned with new socks for our brothers and sisters at the Modesto Gospel Mission. The giving tree will have tags identifying ELC day care needs as well as specific children by age, gender and size. These are children in our community who would not have as much under their tree without the generous support of Emanuel members. Emanuel's Outreach Ministry encourages you to share the joy of Christmas by supporting these great projects.



COUNCIL MEMBER POTLUCK – Next Sunday, December 14 at 10:45 a.m. See Karl Williams for details.



Caroling Party

Grab your flashlight, mittens, and a few cookies to share, and join us on December 21st as we serenade our neighbors with Christmas carols. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 P.M. From there, we'll head out into the College Avenue neighborhood, joined in song by our accompanist, David Holtz. Afterward, we'll return to Emanuel and treat ourselves to hot chocolate and cookies. Call Lois Owen (577-8868) if you have any questions.



DECEMBER

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 8	TUES 9	WED 10	THURS 11	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Hardin's		7 AM Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's 7pm Ministry Mtg Night	9:30 Adult Bible Study 12:00 Rebecca @ Surla's	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm Day Care Christmas Program		9:30 am Communion Service <u>10:45 am</u> *Council Potluck *Choir Rehearsal *Confirmation Class

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Dec 14	Dianne Finnecy	Eric Obermeyer	B. Crawford P. Kroeze	Mary Lou Dieterich		Dieterich/ Reuter	Kathy Obermeyer
Dec 21	Pastor Bill Ruth	David Holtz	D. Santana S. McCreedy	Dianne Santana	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Kathy Obermeyer

Weekly Bible Readings	
December 14 Advent 3	December 21 Advent 4
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38



Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests: Lorna Sloan—healing (Hardin); prayers of comfort to those who mourn (Scott)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Marilyn Rowland; Teri Scott.

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Betty Mason; Esther Johnson

Our Family: Angela (Dieterich); Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Harry Belletto (Ixcot); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt); Rusty Skustad (Skustad); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Reta, Edgar, Bianca Wise); Riegan family (Scott)

Our Friends: Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Melissa Gates (D. Norquist); Alice Cumbie (D. Norquist); Kathy Laughton & Loy Rodriguez (Hardins);

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.