



Sunday, December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" arr. by Thomas Gieshen

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 word and sacrament in 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.**



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.

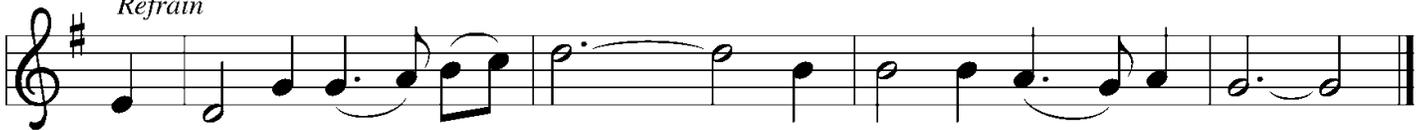


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



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 will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
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!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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***Greeting:**

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

C **And also with you.**

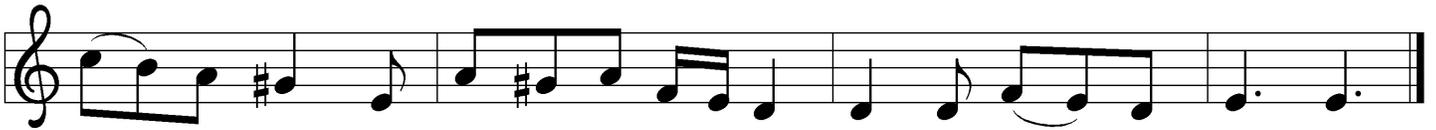
***Prayer of the Day:**

All Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.



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.



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.

Our first reading is from Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 : (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

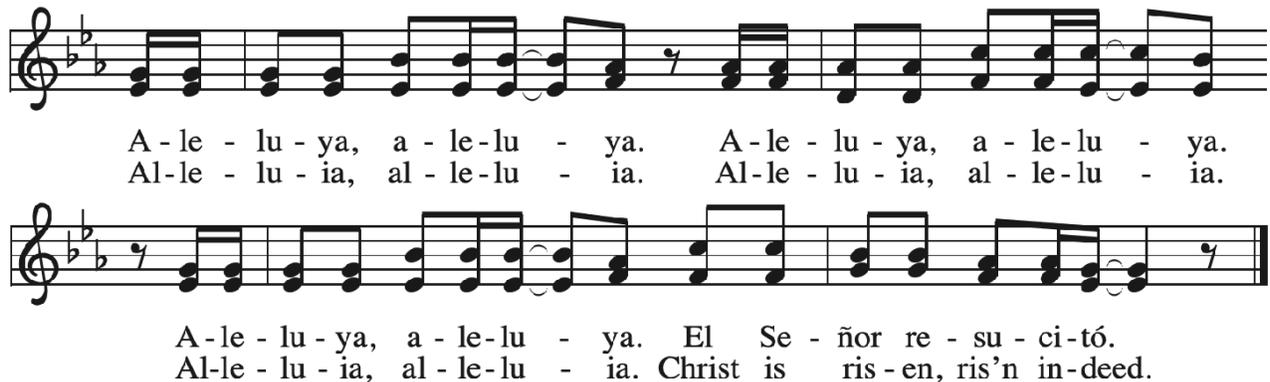
Our second reading is from Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:** (setting 11 in ACS)



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

***Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

*Please stand as you are able.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
 and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' ”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Pastor Jerry O’Neal

***Hymn of the Day:** “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” ELW 249

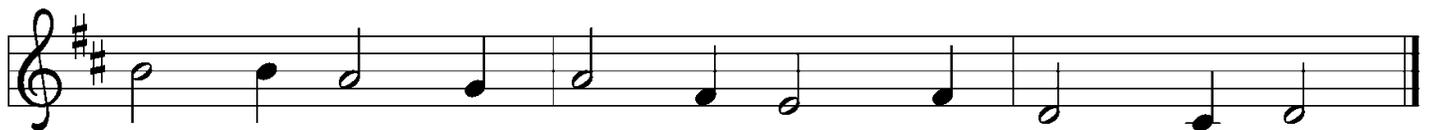
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1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow’rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

***Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God." and your response is, **"Your mercy is great."**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Give them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, you sent your Son Jesus to guide us into the future. We give thanks for opening our hearts to give to your mission at Holy Trinity and our future building campaign. We pray that our building renovation will honor and glorify your mission in this time and for future generations to come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*Please stand as you are able.

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Play or Apple Store, or

2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.

3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Anthem: "O Come, Emmanuel, Come Soon" arr. by Byrd/Hopson

***Offertory Hymn:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW 884

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

*Please stand as you are able.

***Offering Prayer:**

L Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***Words of Institution**

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.

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All **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.**

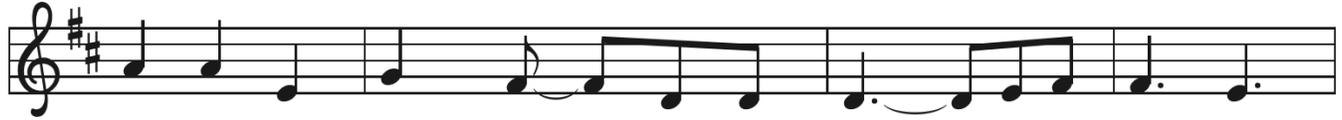
***Invitation to Communion:**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 11 ACS)



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. We invite you to come forward, receive the bread in your hand, and take a cup from the tray and take them back to your seat. After all have been served, we will consume Communion together. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine and are in the cups in the center of the tray.

Communion Hymn: "Wait for the Lord" ELW 262

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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a dotted quarter note on C5. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The system ends with a double bar line and a common time signature.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody continues with notes G4, A4, B4, and a dotted quarter note on C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The system ends with a double bar line and a common time signature.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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***Post Communion Blessing:**

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

***Post Communion Prayer:**

L O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

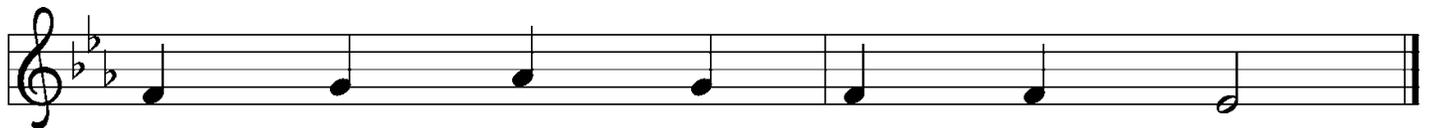
C **Amen.**



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for December 5, 2021

Birthdays and Anniversaries for December 5 - 11:

Birthdays:

December 7 - Diane Calvin

December 8 - Laura Duncan

December 10 - Stanley Wenger

December 11 - Mike Metzcar

Anniversaries:

December 5 - Paul and Karen Constant

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Family and friends of Joyce Libes

Randy Albertson and family, friend of Phil and Kristen Dashler

Roberta Debolt

Tina Strong, Steve Strong's wife

Sue Metzcar

Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister

Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown

Saylor, Jenni Sanderfer's cousin's 5 year-old daughter

Gwen Carey

Stephanie and Rich Thompson's daughter's and families (Tina, Renee, Jayden, and Lindsey)

Kathy Jones, Linda Cougill's daughter

Jill Mixell, friend of Rosemary Martin

Tim Stanley, friend of Toni Rowray

Dennis Dail, Jan Segedy's brother

John and Becky Martin, Rosemary Martin's brother and sister in-laws

Carl Finchum Jr., Virginia Finchum's son

Glenna Belcher, Sister of Mary Broughton

Mary Broughton

For all who are suffering with Covid and especially the doctors, nurses and medical technicians who are working hard to help those patients heal. The frontline workers need to be remembered. Their work is far from over and they have been at it since the beginning of the pandemic.

Flowers at the Altar:

The first bouquet of flowers are given by Laura Adamson in memory of her parents for giving her life.

The second bouquet of flowers are given by Kathy McCauliff in memory of her parents, Edward and Marjorie Parks. The third bouquet of flowers are given by Betty Haffner in memory of Jacob Haffner, Jr. and Joyce Libes.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

2021 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Please help us decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to order poinsettias for your loved ones and friends, please fill in an order form and bring or mail to the church office along with your payment of **\$13.50 per plant by Sunday, December 12th**. You may take the poinsettias home after the Worship Service on Christmas Eve. Order forms and envelopes are on the devotional table outside of the sanctuary or in the weekly email and December Trinity Times.

*Please stand as you are able.

Serving in Worship Today:**Lay Worship, Lector and Communion Assistant:** Phil Dashler**Acolyte:** Adrian Collins**Usher:** Tom Collins**Greeter:** Larry Wood**Altar Guild:** Diane Scholer**Bible Study, Monday Mornings at 10:00am:**

You are invited to join us on Monday mornings at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom (the link is below). Each week we study the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/6616571423?pwd=b3NqMldPTXkxS0RuOXZ3RVNabC9rUT09>**Winter Time for Walking Group:**

We will walk outdoors if the temperature is above 32 degrees. If the temperature is freezing (32) or below we will walk inside at the Muncie Mall. If you are unsure just text or call me (765-661-7428).

We meet at 9 AM in the church parking lot for a brief devotion and prayer and usually walk for an hour. We enjoyed our "coffee stop" last month and may do it again...so bring some \$ with you.

Linda Hamilton, Parish Nurse

Offering Cards and Envelopes:

To save the church money we have developed and are providing offering cards and envelopes for everyone who wishes to use them. There will be a supply of them at the information kiosk and in the church office that you can pick up at your convenience. If you need to know your giving number, please contact Jenni in the church office. If you would like us to mail you a supply of cards and envelopes, please contact the church office.

Sorting Session for Afghan Essentials:

Want to do something for the Afghan refugees settling in Muncie? Sue Elias has received a Thrivent Action Team grant to sort "essentials" in Room 102 at church. Our sorting session will be on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 9:00 am. Come help!

Needs for Sunday School:

The poster is in the narthex/lobby area outside the sanctuary for signing up to teach Sunday School or serve as an aide. We really need your help. Thanks.

Salvation Army Bells:

We will ring bells Saturday, December 18, at Rural King. There are nine slots for volunteers between 10:00am and 6:00pm. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex/lobby outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your gifts of time in the holiday season.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Choir Singing:

Please join us as we gather for worship on Friday, December 24 at 8:00 P.M. for our annual Christmas Eve Service with the Choir singing at 7:45 P.M.

This service is for the whole family with our traditional candlelight singing of "Silent Night." A beautiful way to start the 12 days of Christmas!