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The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

Flower Calendar

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Rorate Coeli)

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

Philippians 4:4–7

John 1:19–28



John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, who covers us with His Righteousness in Holy Baptism, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” grew out of a series of antiphons sung from Dec. 17 to 23, one each day, at Vespers, prior to and following the Magnificat. These antiphons, which came to be known as the “O” Antiphons, date back to at least the ninth century. At a later date, probably the twelfth century, they were collected into Latin verse by an unknown author. It was in 1851 that the English divine and poet, John Mason Neale (1818–1866), translated the Latin verse, drawn from a 1710 German collection of psalms and hymns, into the English we now know as this hymn.

Neale’s short life of 48 years, due to chronic poor health, was a life of accomplishment. It was said that he was one of the great Latin and Greek scholars of his time. Through this expertise, he provided translations of numerous Latin and Greek hymn texts used in the Church even to our day. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

In His Service Today:

P Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster

A Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman

Choir Director: Deb Trewartha

Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

8:15am

Greeter: Joann Whorwell, Mark & Anne Hauser Harris

Altar Guild: Marcy & Marlee Phillips

Usher: Kevin Broolsma

Elder: Larry Hoffman

10:45am

Greeter: Mark & Anne Hauser Harris

Altar Guild: Linda & Kristen Hoyt

Usher: Don Hahn

Elder: Mike Mootz

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Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Stand

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

△ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

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 Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a



- A** Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
- C** **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;***
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.
- A** The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.
- C** **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,**
and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
- A** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.
- C** **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,***
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.



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.

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Mark 10:47

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, arr. David deSilva, CPH, 2010
Strings: Carina, Laurel & William Hodges

*"Comfort, comfort ye My people, speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem or the peace that waits for them:
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over."*

*Hark, the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that His Word is never broken.*

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 40:17b

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

A *You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:19-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

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 \dagger of the
 world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

Choir 1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain*

ref *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
 Who ord'rest all things mightily;
 To us the path of knowledge show,
 And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
 Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
 In ancient times didst give the Law
 In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
 Free them from Satan's tyranny
 That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
 And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

Choir 7 *O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain*
Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John
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Flute: Kay Longworth, Violin: Eric Hodges

Sermon

Stand

Offertory & Offering

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymn

When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

1 When all the world was cursed
By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him
Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.

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Distribution Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors

LSB 339

1 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors,
And weep no more!
O Zion's daughter, sing,
To greet your coming King;
Now wave the victor's palm
And sing the ancient psalm:
"Lift up your heads, you everlasting
gates!"
Your King awaits!

2 Who is this King of great and glorious fame?
What is His name?
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Of whom the prophets wrote,
Whose chosen, humble steed
Declares Him king indeed!
Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save
From sin and grave.

3 Who may ascend Mount Zion's holy hill
To do God's will?
The One whose unstained hands
Can meet the Law's demands,
Whose purity within
Reveals One free from sin.
Come, praise this King who claims the
cross as throne—
Praise Him alone!

4 "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was
slain
Now lives to reign.
He rules our earthly ways
As Lord of Ancient Days—
O join the endless song
Sung by the ransomed throng:
"Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb be praised
again!
Amen! Amen!

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Distribution Hymn

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving & Collect

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Psalm 107:1

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Recessional Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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Postlude

The Congregation at Prayer

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Catechism: Creed—Second Article

Verse of the week: John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord’s Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
SUN	“Make Straight the Way of the Lord”—John 1:19-28	
MON	The Birth of Christ Is Foretold to Joseph—Matthew 1:18-25	1 John 4:7-16
TUE	Christmas Eve: The Nativity of Our Lord—Luke 2:1-20	Titus 2:11-14
WED	Christmas Day: The Word Became Flesh—John 1:1-18	Titus 3:4-7
THU	St Stephen, Martyr—Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51-60	Matthew 23:34-39
FRI	St John, Apostle and Evangelist—John 21:20-25	1 John 1:1–2:2
SAT	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs—Matthew 2:13-18	Jeremiah 31:15-17
Lectionary Readings		Deut. 18:15-19; Psalm 111; Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9 – Gracious and merciful Lord, we look to You for the remission of our sins in Jesus. who speaks Your faithful words and performs the mighty work of our salvation Hallelujah! Amen.

Hymn of the Week: LSB 357 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The tune can be found on the web. Search “**VENI EMMANUEL**”

Daily Psalms	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Morning	95	98 100	101	103	105	107	109
Evening	96, 97	99	102	104	106	108	110, 111

Weekly Collect – Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

Sun: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God’s Word.*

Mon: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

Tue: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wed: *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thu: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood.*

Fri: *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

Sat: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord’s Day.*

Specific prayer requests can be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly. Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer List or to receive the email.

NEXT WEEK

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024



SUNDAY

8:15am Divine Service
9:45am Bible Study
10:45am Divine Service

Hymns:

387, 389, 519 – 378 – 938,
362

Texts:

Isaiah 11:1-5 or 2 Sam. 7:1-
16; Psalm 89:1-8; Gal. 4:1-7;
Luke 2:22-40

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:15am Divine Service
9:30am Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
9:45-10:30am
- Children's Christmas Program
10:45am Divine Service

UPCOMING

- 12/23-1/3 NO School - Christmas Break
- Office Closed 12/24-25, 12/31 & 1/1
-remaining days during Break 9am-1pm
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services
 - 5pm & 7pm Candles & Carols
 - 11pm Divine Service
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service
 - Divine Service 10:00am

Phase III Building Expansion

¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying,
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
-Luke 18:16



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