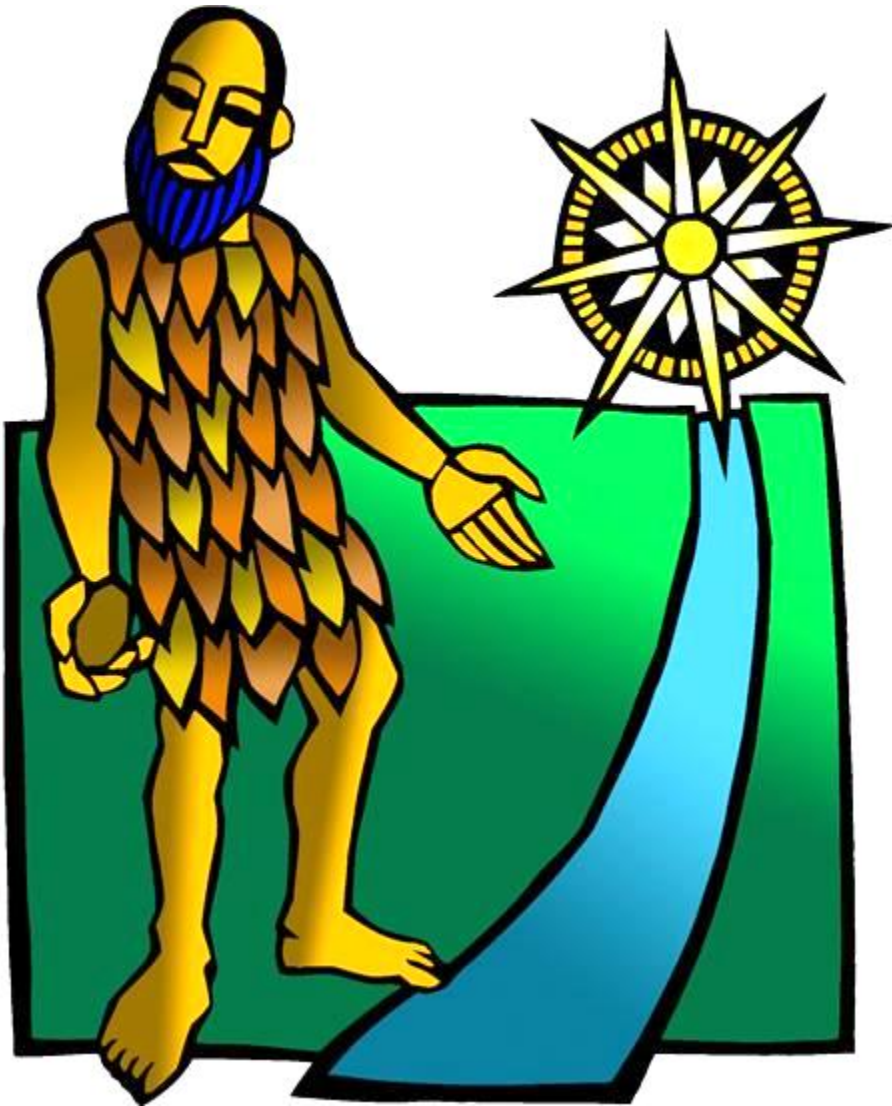


PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
8212 PHILADELPHIA ROAD
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DECEMBER 14, 2025
8:30 AM



PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH STAFF:

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HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are invited to share in Holy Communion. In this sacrament by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine. Those individuals who do not wish to receive wine may receive grape juice. Wine is poured into the empty glasses. The prefilled glasses have grape juice. If mobility is a problem, please inform the usher and communion will be brought to you. Please advise the Pastor if you would like Gluten Free Wafers for communion.

BOOKMARK:

Everyone is asked to fill out the bookmark found in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate located at the front of the church.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025**

P: Presiding Minister
ELW: Red Hymnal

A: Assisting Minister

C: CONGREGATION

*Stand if you are able

Prelude **J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750), *Little Fugue in g-minor*, BWV 553 ***

Welcome

+++SERVICE OF PREPARATION+++

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 whose home is heaven and earth,
 whose salvation is sure.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P Long-expected God,

**C we confess that we look to ourselves
 for the peace and security only you can provide.
 We reach for swords and spears,
 reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
 We become impatient while waiting
 and weary of keeping awake.
 Free us from self-reliance,
 and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
 Increase our trust in God's timing,
 and awaken us to your advent among us,
 that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
 Amen.**

- P God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
✠ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
- C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
During the Lighting of the Third Candle

The **Congregation** will sing 3rd verse of **"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"**



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|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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. |
| 3 | Light three can-dles to | watch for Mes-si - ah: | let the light ban-ish | dark - ness. |
| 4 | Light four 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.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

+++LITURGY OF THE WORD+++

*** Apostolic 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.**

* Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



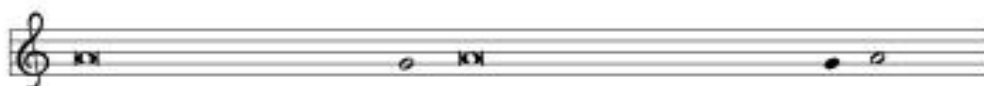
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*** Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.]]

³ Strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Word of God, word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:46b-55
(WE READ RESPONSIVELY)

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
⁵⁰ **You have mercy on those who fear you,**
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
⁵² **casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**
⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**
⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life,

C Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of The Gospel

* Alleluia Verse

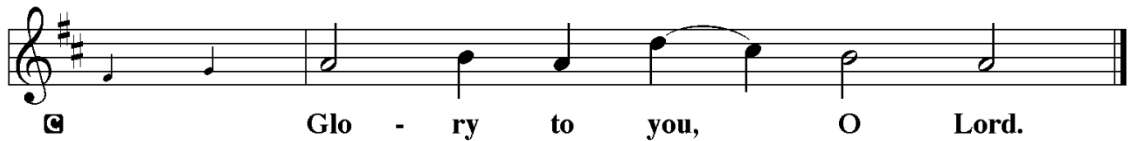


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

P The Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter



*** Holy Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

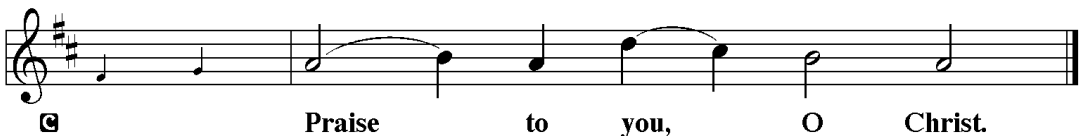
² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*** Hymn of the Day**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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*** Apostles' Creed**

**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 of the Church**

**A In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.**

A brief silence

Each petition will end with "God of grace."

C The congregation will respond with, "hear our prayer."

**P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.**

C Amen.

*** Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE MEAL + + +

Offering Reminder / The Offering is collected by the ushers at 10:00am

*** Offertory**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*** Offertory Prayer**

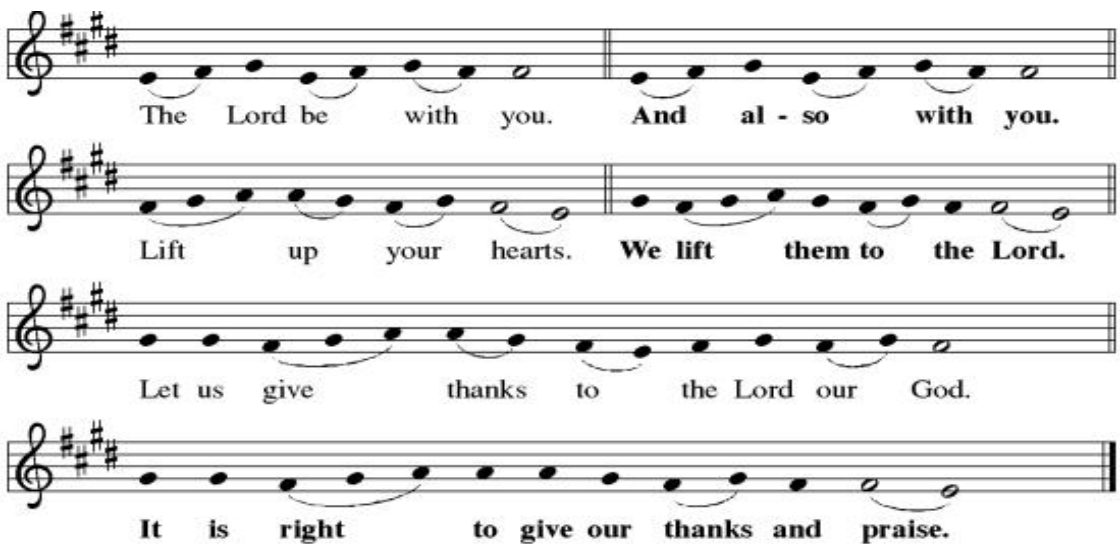
A Let us pray,

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the melody. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

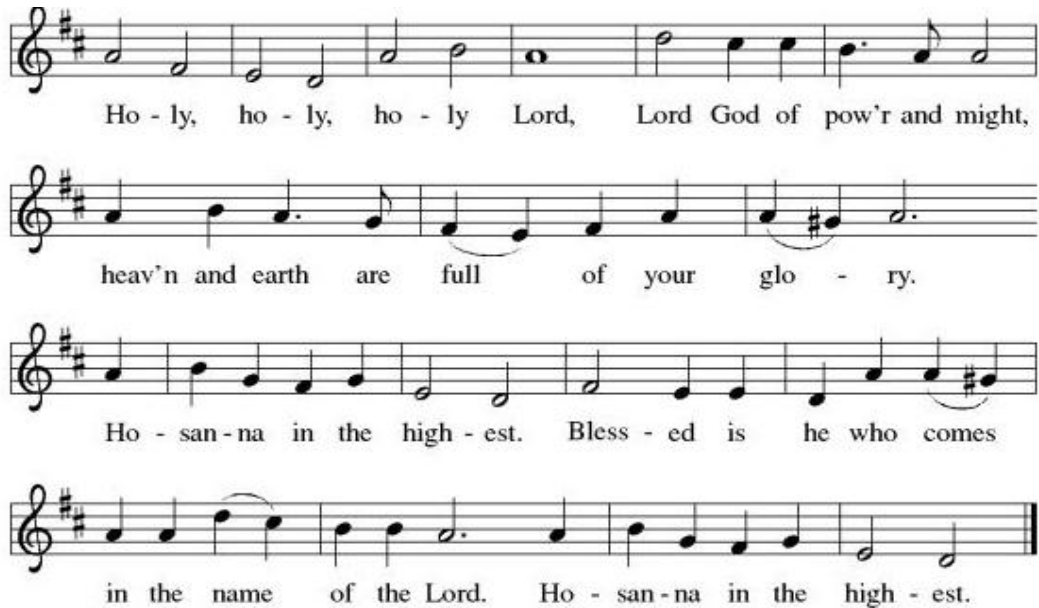
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* Preface



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

* Sanctus



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.

* Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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**

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 Here is life. God is with us.
Come, receive what God has promised.

+ + + COMMUNION + + +

*** Agnus Dei (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.

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

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

C **Amen.**

*** Post-Communion Prayer**

A Let us pray,
God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Preparation for Ministry-Parish Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

Melanie Rutkauskas

*** Blessing**

P May God who comes among us,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

C **Amen.**

*** Closing Hymn**

People, Look East

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*** Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Louis Couperin (1626 - 1661), *Chaconne in g-minor* *

*** Prelude:** The set of 'eight short preludes and fugues' date to the period 1730–50 but for stylistic reasons are no longer judged to be the work of J.S. Bach himself. One of the hypothesis is that 'the eight' is likely to be by a student or students of Bach, the music of each piece being based upon an outline model, termed a 'partimento', that contains sufficient indications for the student to create a complete composition from it. The use of 'partimenti' was certainly a method by which Bach taught composition at the keyboard.

*** Postlude:** Louis Couperin was a French Baroque composer who made significant contributions to the development of Baroque keyboard music.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Assisting Ministers:

8:30 AM Kathy Gunkel

10:00 AM Sue Hester

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Assisting Ministers:

Skip Kordula

Tom Arentz

Lectors:

8:30 AM Lillian Tomecek

10:00 AM Dee Joyce

Cindy Alt

Bob DeJong

Communion Assistants:

8:30 AM Lillian Tomecek & Melanie Rutkauskas

10:00 AM Michele Jecelin & Beth Kirtland

Linda Bayliss & Jeeva Samuels

Linda DeJong & Stewart Majerowicz

Ushers:

10:00 AM Melissa Arentz & Joe Wiegand

Dee Joyce & Michael Joyce

Altar Guild:

8:30 AM Cindy Alt & Linda Bayliss

10:00 AM Michele Jecelin & Paulette Molz

Ruth Recchia & Diana Passapae

Bridget Heeter & Alyssa Heeter

Counters: Melissa Arentz & Michele Jecelin

Karen Valencik & Paulette Molz

Prayerful Community

Throughout Scripture, we are invited to pray to God in all kinds of circumstances for all kinds of reasons. We ask God to guide us in our prayers for the church and for those in need. Join in and pray for those groups and friends listed below so that together we may ask for God's help and guidance for those in need.

Alayna, Aname, Ashley, Chris, Chris & Richard Betzel, Pastor Steve Bocklage, The Cellantano Family, Mary Clark, The Coffey Family, Kim & John Cornelius, Shirley Crumley, Debbie, Wayne Doerflein, Jerry Duncan, Phyllis Gray, Greg, Heather, The Hocker Family, Kathy & Charles Hood, David Hoover, Linda Hubert, Isabella, Jerry, Stewart Majerowicz, Barbra Makin, Karen Forrest Metallo, Dora McCauley, Molly, Carol Orefice, John Pritchett, June Romeo, Kelly Romeo, Roseann, Gary Rowles, Karen Rowles, Ashley Rudd & newborn - Jacob, Sabrina/Baby, Troy Saul, The Nebraska Scheufele's, Sharon, Val & Fred Somwara, Roger Thomas, The Ashun & Turkson Families, Sharon Walker, Jim & Ellen Jane Ward, Karen Wilhelm, Lynn Woodruff.

Thank you for praying for those listed during the week.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those serving in the Military in all theaters and their families:

Anthony J. Aguilar, Tristan Armiger, Ryan Bailey, Timothy Buhrman-Hall, Eric Dillion, Andrew Evans, Brent Gooding, Lucas Gooding, Nicholas Gugliuzza, Nathan Jecelin, Madison Johnson, Mike Maharjan, Greg Majerowicz, Austin Machin, Robert Marotti, Brandon Oldham, Keith Richards, Robert Ritter, Louis Peter Romeo IV, Cayden Samuels, Wesley Schools, Howard Stephens, Giovanni Valdez, Michael Violanti, Kendra Violanti, Eric Warthen, Jr., Amanda Williams, Chad Workman, James "Paul" Worth, Frank Worsham, Jr.

Prayer for our troops: Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In-person worship services are 8:30 & 10 AM.

The 8:30 AM service is in the Traditional style.

**The 10 AM service is in the Contemporary style the first three Sundays of the month,
and in the Traditional style the fourth
(and if there is a fifth) Sunday of the month.**

**Additionally, a midweek in-person service at 7pm is held the first and third
Wednesday night of the month.**

The service is casual and lasts about 30 minutes.

The parish office is open 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Monday - Friday.

Pastor Paul is generally in the office Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 1pm.

The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday morning 10:00 am- Noon.

THE LORD’S WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

<u>Sunday</u>	12/14	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		10:00 AM	Baptism and New Member
		10:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Youth Sunday School
		1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Sweeny Todd Dinner/Ellenberger Hall
		3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Sweeny Todd (Concert) Ellenberger Hall
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall

<u>Monday</u>	12/15	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Confirmation Make-Up Class/SS Room
		7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
		7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Auditions/Theatre
<u>Tuesday</u>	12/16	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal/Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Property Work Night
		7:00 PM	Creation Care Ministry/Zoom
		7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Auditions/Theatre
<u>Wednesday</u>	12/17	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Food Pantry/Narthex
		12:00 PM	Advent Worship ‘Restore Our Hope’
		12:45 PM	Advent Bible Study/Pastor’s Office
		7:00 PM	Advent Worship/Sanctuary
		7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting/Conference Room
<u>Thursday</u>	12/18	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Confirmation/SS Rooms
		6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Friday</u>	12/19	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> Bible Study/Ellenberger
		7:00 PM	Wing and a Prayer Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Saturday</u>	12/20	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>A Christmas Yarn</i> Rehearsal
		1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Auditions/Theatre
		3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Sunday</u>	12/21	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		10:00 AM	<i>A Christmas Yarn</i> Musical During 10 Worship
		10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall



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