



**“FOR**  
*nothing*  
**WILL BE**  
*impossible*  
**WITH GOD.”**



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# Fourth Sunday in Advent

20 December 2020

## 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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*Stand*

*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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

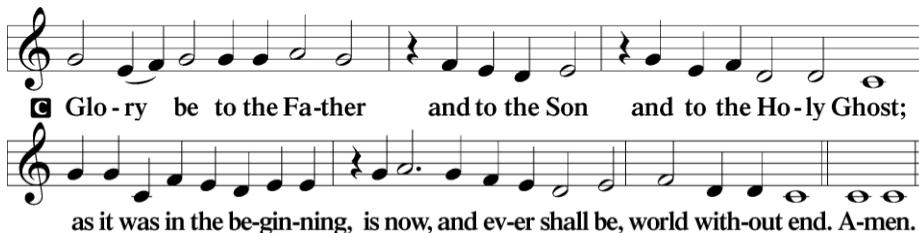
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*Sit*

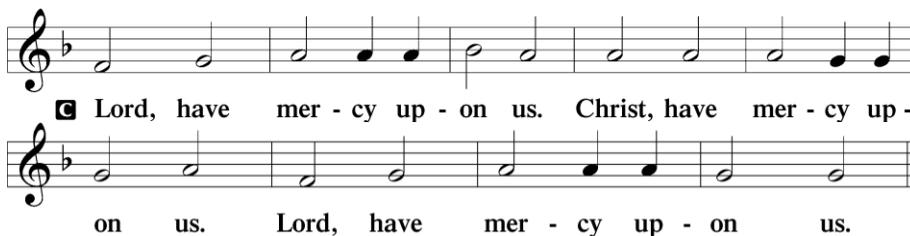
## Service of the Word



**G** 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.

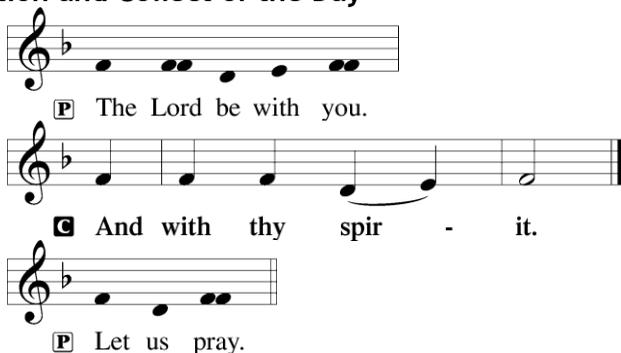
Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.

- P 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.



## Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 16:25–27

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Alleluia

LSB 190



## Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\Upsilon$  of the world to come. Amen.**

### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 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
- 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

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## Sermon

**Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38**

**Sermon Theme: "Love!"**

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

- P O Most High, You have favored us in the incarnation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Mary. In everything, let it be to us according to Your Word. Give us faith to believe that nothing is impossible with You, and so to pray boldly in childlike confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Most High, You have revealed in Christ Jesus the mystery kept secret for long ages, now made known to all nations through the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures. According to Your eternal command, give us faithful preachers of Your Gospel to bring about the obedience of faith. Bless Pastor Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Pastor Richard Snow, our district president; Pastor Jeff Warner, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Strengthen Your Holy Church in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Most High, hear our prayers on behalf of our nation, its president, all legislators and judges, and those newly elected to serve. Preserve their lives and guide their actions for the good of our people. Give peace among the nations of the earth, and preserve us from pestilence and famine, war and bloodshed, sedition, rebellion and every evil. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Most High, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity (especially **Shelli Tuttle, Sharon Hartnett, Lyle Todd, Kim Daum, Kim Fales, Joanne Walsh, Justin Miller, Phyllis Todd, Susan Utech, Sarah Hansen, Beth, Ken Todd, Bob Dormire, Kimberly Christiansen, Don Mallette, Pastor Jeff Walsh, Howie Holdenried, Mary Bose, Joan Bruhn, Clarrene Leffler, Diane Barge, Roxanne Daum, Karen Nissen, Doug Mallette, Pastor Henry Witte, Diane Nelsen, Matt LeGrande, Josh LeGrande, Bonnie Schnieder, Katrina Peabody, Pastor Jerry Bruhn, Steve Dolezal, Deanna Dolezal, Gary Bach, Sandy Mallette, Ann Peterson, Lori Langenberg, Bob Gruber, Will Wittenborg, Carmen Ortega, Steve Petersen, Randy Barnes, Corby Barnes, Butch Putzier, Joel Brandon, Norman LeGrande John Murry, Troy Crouch, Titus Diediker, Herb Bathke, Dr. Billiar, Shirley Billiar, Robert Walsh, Jennifer Veen, Lee Kifer and for our shut-ins Shirley Patrick, James & Tereasa Santee, Bob Jager, Jane Winter, Lois Wendt, Florence Knoop, Doris Beckman, Dave Hauf, Don Larson, Glenda Beck, Shirley Book, Rose Johnson, Lois Lackore.. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow,**

and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O Most High, defend your church especially **Immanuel Lutheran, Laurel, NE; Calvary Lutheran, Deep River, IA; St. Paul Lutheran, Delaware, IA; Faith Lutheran, Deloit, IA; LCMS District-South Wisconsin; Concordia University St. Paul, MN; First Baptist Church, Climbing Hill, IA; Assembly of God Church, South Sioux City, NE;** Lord in Your Mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O Most High, grant that all who receive Your Son's holy body and precious blood may do so in repentance and faith and in the unity of a true confession. Work in us this Christmas a love and desire for Your blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O Most High, All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

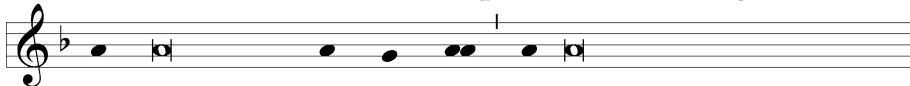
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*



**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**A** - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessèd hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.
- D 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C **Amen.**

## Nunc Dimittis

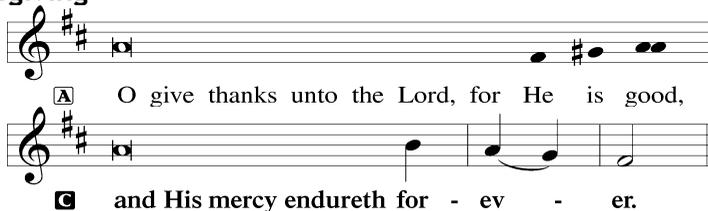
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

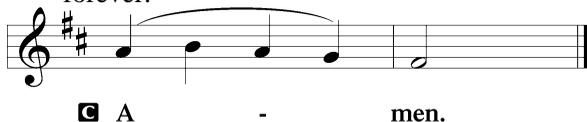
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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**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 T give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

### 381 Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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## Announcements

Looking for volunteers for the next session of Faith Food & Fun Day starts up on Jan 23-Apr 24. It will only take up an hour of your time. Please contact Pastor Awe-531-218-5793

Haven House has reached out and asked if we could sponsor a family for Christmas. Ladies Aid has taken this on and if anyone would like to give a monetary donation to help, you can drop your donations in the box by the cards. Please fill out an envelope. Thank you for all your help...Checks can be made out to Haven House.

**COVID-19 restrictions and phases are now on a color-coded chart. Dakota county is currently **YELLOW**.**

The Mission Board is now graciously accepting items for the Advent Silent Auction. We will accept bids on items beginning Sunday, November 29 after Worship and will close bidding on Sunday December 20 at Noon. Please bring items to the Church office to be bid upon. If you have any questions or concerns, Please contact a member of your Mission Board.  
Thank you, Suzy, Jeannie, Carl, Annette, and Pastor Witte

December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. When we mark our days on earth, we are often very linear, thinking of a beginning and an end. However, in Jesus, whose birth into our flesh we celebrate this week, there is no end. That gives us the ability to think of our days with **joy** and to pass on that **joy** through our estate plans. The gifts you plan for family and ministry will certainly warm many hearts with joy. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or [craig.stirtz@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.stirtz@lfnd.org)

### **THIS WEEK'S STATISTICS**

- Sunday Worship Attendance—52
- Total Offerings Received— \$1,388.72
- Sunday School —
- Sunday School Attendance —
- Budget needed per week--\$3,787.90

**SERVING THE LORD:**

**OFFICIATING:**

Rev. Michael Awe

**SUNDAY ORGANIST:**

Ruthie Witte

**ALTAR CARE:**

Kim & Kathy Mast, Karen Bathke

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Poinsettias

**WEDNESDAY ORGANIST:**

THIS WEEK	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	9:30AM	Worship Service w/ communion
	10:30AM	Bible Study/ Sunday School
	5:00PM	Hispanic Service: Study
MONDAY	10:30AM	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Staff Devotions NO Worship Service
THURSDAY	7:00PM & 11:30PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
FRIDAY	9:30AM	Christmas Day Service <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30AM	Worship Service
	10:30AM	Bible Study/ Sunday School
	5:00PM	Hispanic Service: Study

**THERE ARE NOW 2 SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!**

- 7:00PM Service-Required to wear masks. Social Distancing is not required.
- 11:30PM Service-Social distancing is required by family unit. Masks are recommended

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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