

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
welcomes you!

November  
30,  
2025



The First  
Sunday of  
Advent

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

### SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

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***THE REV. BRIAN M. ROBISON, PASTOR***

***THE REV. RONALD C. NEUSTADT, PASTOR EMERITUS***

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- + **To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshipping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to use the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is audible over the speakers).
  - + An **accessible Restroom** is available off the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level. **Parish Hall and additional Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.
  - + **Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.
  - + **Land Acknowledgement:** This church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw, Myaamia, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and still call this land home.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – the one God whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

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

*Please KNEEL, or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God, 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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Please STAND* "Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn" ELW 242



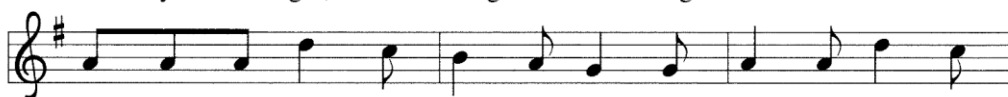
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

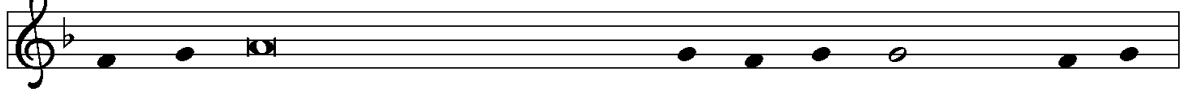
**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**



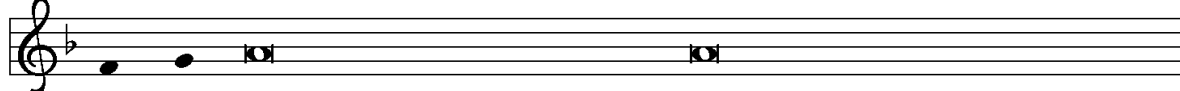
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



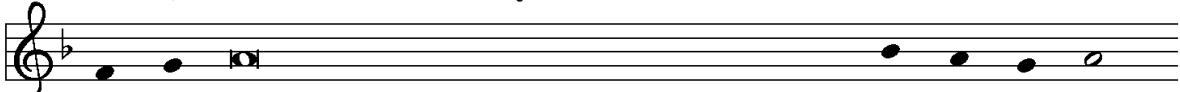
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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.**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.



As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. O house of Jacob, come, **let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

### “Light One Candle”

ELW 240 vs. 1



1 Light one can-dle 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE** *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Matthew 24:36-44

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

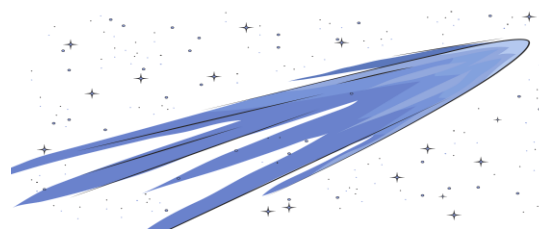
[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT*

**SERMON** *"Staying Awake While Others Lose Sleep"*

**The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

*Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.*





1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

## APOSTLES CREED

**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 INTERCESSION** *The names of those for whom we pray aloud (members, staff, first-time additions) are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to "Hear us, O God," is "Your mercy is great"...*

**Ken** Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Toni** Brendel, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage,

**Morris** Kugler, **Bruce** Martens, **Lucy** Montgomery, **Kim** Palmer, **Tina** Partelow,

**Marilyn** Robinson, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinsky, **Gary** Weshinsky

**PEACE** *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments.*

## ANTHEM

*"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion"*

*Kosche*

**OFFERING** *Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

## OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW 257 v. 1

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please STAND as you are able*

*Assistant:* Let us pray together...

**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. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Chanted to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")*

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts, **we lift them to the Lord.**

We give our thanks to Go-d our Lord

**It's right to give our tha--nks and praise.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.**

It's right to praise God every time and place, through Jesus, promised gift of grace, whose advent sets God's people free; with all creation we sing joyfully:

**Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)*

**Oh, holy, holy, ho--ly Lord,**

**the God of pow'r and Go--d of might.**

**Your glory fills the hea-ven and earth;**

**Hosanna in the high--est!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.**

Lord Jesus took and blessed & broke the bread;

"My body giv'n in love for you," he said.

"This cup binds you in cov'nant with me;

Thus be forgiven and re-mem-ber me!

**Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *traditional*

**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**

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

**LAMB OF GOD** (tune: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*) Please **SIT**

**Oh, Jesus, wisdom, our Emmanuel,  
you take away the si-n of the world.  
Have mercy on us La-mb of God;  
Have mercy on us, gra-nt us your peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to you O, Israel.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.*

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

**SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:**

**“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”**

**ACS 901**



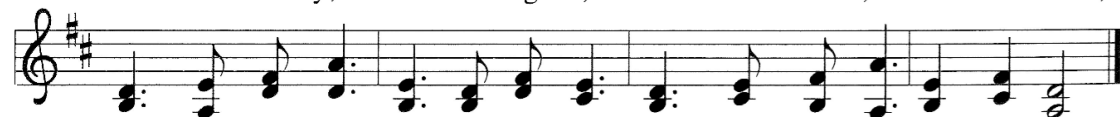
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.  
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.  
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:  
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.  
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!  
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.  
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.  
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.  
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

# “Come Now, O God”

ACS 902



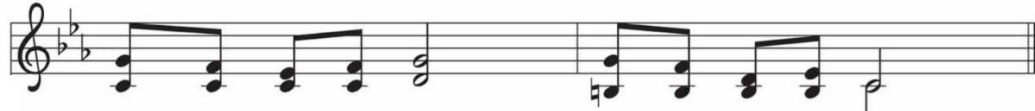
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

*After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

ELW 313 v. 1



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray together...

**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. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**“People Look East”**

**ELW 248**

*Permission not granted for reprinting*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*O Come Divine Messiah*

*D. Lasky*

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Greg Guenther

**Lector:** Corbin Monfre + **Crucifer:** Greg Martens + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami

**Tech Minister:** Aaron Fuchs + **Safety Volunteer:** Mark Bearth

**Ushers:** TBD + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

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# **Prayer Intentions**

## **St. Mark Members**

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage,  
Morris Kugler, Bruce Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow,  
Marilyn Robinson, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

## **St. Mark Family and Friends**

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, John Belz, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam,  
Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison,  
Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Marge Gardner, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber,  
Donna Greenwell, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Andrea Hendrix, Jamie House, Jimmy Jurgens,  
Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison,  
Christopher Martizus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Don McCoy, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn,  
Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers,  
Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Shirley Saia, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder,  
Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught,  
Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf,  
Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

## **Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military**

Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie

## **Members who celebrate birthdays this week**

Missy Kimbrell (11/30), Craig Benedick (11/30), Brooke Summers (12/1), Kim Ott (12/3),  
Noah Murakami (12/4), and Don Boatman (12/5)

## **Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week**

Cari & Nick Rensing (12/2) and Michael & Rachel Guenther (12/3)

## **St. Mark Staff**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

**Administrative Assistant:** Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

**Organist:** Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for November 30, 2025

**Wednesday, Dec. 3:** 10:30AM Joint Use taskforce – *conference room*

6:00PM Soup supper – *Parish Hall*

7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer - *church*

**Thursday, Dec. 4:** 4:30PM Chancel choir

6:00PM Bell Choir

6:00PM Yoga – *Parish Hall*

**Saturday, Dec. 6:** 6:00PM **SHINE** worship - *chapel*

### Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting is **NEXT Sunday, December 7 at 10:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please plan to join us for this meeting; we will decide the budget for 2026, vote on new church officers, and receive updates from the council and committees.



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**DECEMBER 7, 10:45AM**

#### COUNCIL NOMINATIONS (\*denotes incumbent)

Secretary:	<b>Aaron Fuchs*</b>
Treasurer:	<b>TBD</b>
Christian Education:	<b>Anita Robinson</b>
Property:	<b>TBD</b>
Financial Secretary:	<b>Jan Litherland*</b> <b>Tom Partelow*</b>

#### Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male:	<b>Greg Martens</b>
Adult Female:	<b>Danielle Tribout</b>



**Advent Evening Prayer Service & Soup Suppers** begin this **Wednesday, December 3**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer. **Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

### “Angel Tree” Project Gifts Due Next Sunday

NEXT Sunday, December 7, is the **LAST DAY** to return your gifts for the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through Lutheran Child & Family Services. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area.

A reminder to *please attach the child’s name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift*. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be given online at <https://shorturl.at/usHZG>



## Christmas Caroling Next Sunday!



Next Sunday afternoon, **December 7**, you're invited to join a group of us to sing Christmas carols to the residents of two local long-term care facilities, including some of our own church members. We will meet at **1:50PM** at **EverVella** Care Center (formerly Mercy, formerly Rosewood) in Swansea for our first stop, then move on to Charter Senior Living of Shiloh at 3:00PM. **All ages are welcome!**

## Ladies Lunch Bunch December 10

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 12:30PM at Joe's Pizza and Pasta (4628 N Illinois, Fairview Heights). Please call Mary Boxdorfer at 618-233-0160 if you have questions!



## Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us **Sunday, December 14** at **5:00PM** for our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols with St. George's. This traditional service is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, with beautiful hymns and scripture passages to guide and focus us in our time of preparation for Christmas and the Lord's return. The service is especially appropriate for inviting friends and family, particularly those who might be searching for "something more" this holiday. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

## Proclaim Christ's birth with flowers!

Anyone wishing to donate should watch for a special envelope in the pews, fill out the front portion, add your check/cash, and return it to the offering plate or the office **by December 18** with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. \*Online donations may be made through VANCO at <https://shorturl.at/ar1Ss>. All dedications will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



## Meals on Wheels Needs Help!



The Meals-On-Wheels services provided out of our Parish Hall need more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see Frank Dressel or David Buckley about serving those for whom this food may be the only substantial meal of the day.

## Franklin School Lunch Packing

We pack 20 bag lunches for needy students at Franklin school for all long weekends, and we welcome volunteers! Packing requires about an hour on the day before most holiday weekends. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or for questions. Your support is so much appreciated!

## New Date for Important Safety Class

On **Saturday, February 7** from 9am-1pm in the parish hall, Chestnut Health Systems will present information on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide awareness/prevention**. Our target audience is the safety committee members, food pantry workers and ushers. Anyone else interested in this important information is also very welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Canterbury Room, on the available sheets, to assist in our planning.

For questions, please call Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213.

**Offerings (11/23): General Fund: \$1,669; Food Pantry: \$175; Staff Gift: \$725; Fiber Arts: \$101; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101**

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting—CR 6:00PM Soup Supper <b>7:00PM Holden            Evening Prayer</b>	<b>4</b> 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Yoga—PH 6:00PM Bell Choir	<b>5</b> <i>Pastor's Day            Off</i>	<b>6</b> 9AM Church & Chapel Cleaning Day <b>6:00PM SHINE            Worship—            chapel</b>
<b>7 Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Annual Meeting 2:00PM Christmas Caroling @EverVella & Charter	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch 6:00PM Soup Supper <b>7:00PM Holden            Evening Prayer</b>	<b>11</b> 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Yoga—PH 6:00PM Bell Choir	<b>12</b> <i>Pastor's            Day            Off</i> 	<b>13</b> 9:00AM Hanging of Greenery <i>Santa Lucia Day</i>
<b>14 Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:00AM Blood Pressures—PH 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Our            Brother's Keepers—Welcome Back!</i> 11:30AM H&W Meeting-PH	<b>15</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00PM Soup Supper <b>7:00PM Holden            Evening Prayer</b>	<b>18</b> 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Yoga—PH 6:00PM Bell Choir	<b>19</b> <i>Pastor's Day            Off</i>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>What was            the Star of Bethlehem?</i> (PB)	<b>22</b> 1:00PM Caroling at Westfield	<b>23</b> <b>Time TBD:</b> Christmas Decorating	<b>24</b> <b>7:00PM Christmas            Eve Divine            Liturgy</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM Christmas            Day Liturgy with St.            George's</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>
<b>Church Offices Closed December 25-26</b>						
<b>28 First Sunday of Christmas</b>  <b>10:00AM Liturgy of Lessons &amp;            Carols with St. George's</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Greg M.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Jan R.	Team 5
<b>Dec. 14</b>	Sherri F.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick C. & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 6
<b>Dec. 21</b>	Danielle T.	Curtis D.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Greg M.	TBD & Curt G.	Frank D.	Team 7
<b>Dec. 24</b>	Charlie D.	Corbin M.	Corbin M.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	TBD	Jan R.	N/A
<b>Dec. 25</b>	St. G's	Terry T.	Greg M.	Pr. Brian	St. G's	St. George's	TBD	N/A
<b>Dec. 28</b>	Corbin M.	Terry T.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Melanie R.	N/A



Brooke S.	12/1	Kim O.	12/3	Noah M.	12/4
Ann M.	12/7	Rick C.	12/9	Lauren R.	12/9
Brad G.	12/12	Patty B.	12/13	Pr. Brian	12/15
Sarah O.	12/16	Keith K.	12/17	Kara M.	12/21
Sam S.	12/21	Ash R.	12/22	David C.	12/23
Jamie P.	12/23	Melaina R.	12/23	Curt G.	12/26
Danielle T.	12/26	Leah R.	12/26	Marilyn R.	12/27
Linda N.	12/28	Brianna K.	12/28		



Cari & Nick R.	12/02
Michael & Rachel G.	12/03
Brandon & Jamie P.	12/07
Mike & Randi C.	12/12