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"With Repentant Joy"

The "Prayer of Thanksgiving" (see LSB 161 and 178) uses a seemingly contradictory phrase: *"with repentant joy."* The full sentence of this prayer reads, *"With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of his body and his blood on the cross."*

At first glance, "repentant joy" sounds like a contradiction or an oxymoron. Some might say that repentance is too much of a downer and joy should be "uplifting." Some want to focus so much on feelings of joy that they leave repentance stranded on the side of the road.

However, "repentance" and "joy" go quite well together, and "repentant joy" makes perfect sense in light of God's great mercy in Jesus Christ. First, because of our sinful, fallen condition, God calls us to live in repentance. We are infected with the dreaded disease of sin and death; we are not healthy. We need help from the Great Physician, and thus we plead for His mercy and healing. Then, secondly, we can have great joy, because God most certainly does have mercy; He does love all humankind. He sends His only-begotten Son into our flesh to heal us from sin and death and to make us whole once again.

When we pray "with repentant joy," we truly pray the heart of the Christian faith. The phrase *"with repentant joy"* also gives us a most salutary way to celebrate Advent.



Joy & Repentance Go Hand in Hand

In 1951, one John Damm wrote a Bachelor of Divinity thesis called "Advent – History, Meaning, and Customs." Mr. Damm wrote: "A dominant mood of Advent is the mood of rejoicing and joy. One can notice a certain ring of joyfulness in the church services. The various liturgical texts and hymns give voice to a happy expectancy" (p. 15-16).

We sing this joy in two beloved Advent hymns. In the first verse of "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" we sing:

*O bride of Christ, rejoice;
Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory
Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee (LSB 335:1).*

In the Advent hymn "Hark the Glad Sound," notice how the joy comes out in verse 4:

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name (LSB 349:4).*

Another way that we witness the Advent joy is in the word "Alleluia." Unlike Lent, the other penitential season, during Advent we keep the "Alleluia" ("Praise the Lord!") in the liturgy and hymns. For what do we rejoice? We rejoice that the long-expected Savior, the Son of God, is coming to rescue and heal us.

However, our Advent joy does not stand by itself. It walks hand in hand with repentance. It is even restrained by repentance. Mr. Damm says, "Joy, however, is not the only note of Advent. There is,

indeed, as time goes on an increasing note of rejoicing at the coming of the Redeemer, but there is also the consciousness of the sinful condition of humanity, of our own helpless condition. The Redeemer was made necessary for us because of our sinful condition...." (p. 18). Damm also writes: "Advent appears as a time of purification and repentance, a time of preparation in order to receive worthily the gift of a Savior, God's Son. It has always been considered a time of deep penitence" (p. 19).

We witness this much-needed repentance in two other Advent hymns. In "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You," the note of repentance comes out in verse 1, where we sing of our lowly state and our sin:

*O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best (LSB 334:1).*

Repentance leads us to confess that our Lord Himself must come and kindle His light in us. Once that light of forgiveness and life is kindled, we can live in "spirit lowly" all our days.

The note of humble repentance is woven throughout the hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," but notice how it comes out quite strongly in verse 3:

*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 a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him (LSB 347:3).*

A Time for Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving

Because the theme of repentance is so dominant and vital for Advent, the traditional color on the altar used to be purple/violet; blue has come into vogue only in recent years. Purple/violet would make us think also of Lent, and properly so. Along with the "repentant joy" of Advent, we can exercise our Christian freedom by disciplining ourselves with *fasting*, *prayer*, and *almsgiving* (the same traditional disciplines of Lent). No, these disciplines do not earn God's grace or mercy

in any way. But now that we have received His grace and mercy in Christ Jesus, we strive to drown the "old Adam" (the sinner) in us and put to death the sins and evil desires that distract us from our Advent King and His coming in the flesh at Christmas. That's living in our Baptism!

For *fasting*, we may consider the discipline of eating smaller meals for breakfast and lunch (1/4 or 1/3 the usual amount) and then a regular evening meal. We may wish to consider giving up certain foods, such as sweets or "adult beverages" through Advent. We may also want to consider restraining from the "partying" that usually happens during the early weeks of December. After all, the true celebration and time for "partying" comes during the 12 Days of Christmas (December 25–January 5). Fasting is never meant to make us proud of our accomplishments, but rather to remind us how we must humbly rely on our Advent King.

For *prayer*, we may consider setting aside certain times, either in the morning or the evening, or both, to pray. We may turn off the TV, turn down other appointments that may arise, and thus focus on God and His message of mercy in sending His Son. Our hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, has many good resources for daily prayer, and the weekly "Daily Prayer" bulletin insert can guide us in praying those resources. Also, we again offer Advent Evening Prayer services at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays to highlight the discipline of prayer through this holy season.

For *almsgiving*, we may consider setting aside the money we save from fasting and give it to the Church or a charity of our choice. We may even choose to go shopping for those in need, whether they need food or clothing such as scarves, stocking caps, or gloves. We may also wish to consider helping out at a food kitchen or clothing bank for the needy.

"*With repentant joy*" is the best way to observe Advent and thus prepare for the wonderful joys of Christmas.

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Notes from the Kantor

During the Christmas season we continue our theme of “Hymns by Martin Luther” by stepping away from his catechetical hymns and embracing his Christmas hymn “We Praise You Jesus, at Your Birth” (LSB 382). This hymn is appointed as the Hymn of the Day for Christmas Day, though we have not traditionally sung it in its rightful place, or during the Christmas season at all!

“We Praise You Jesus, at Your Birth” was originally a one-stanza hymn in the vernacular of the local people (Low German). It likely developed out of the Latin sequence for Christmas “*Grates nunc omnes reddamus domino*” which loosely translates to “Now let us give thanks to the Lord,” bringing the adoration of the shepherds and the angels on Christmas night to the voices of the congregation.

Luther took this short folk song and added six additional stanzas, turning it into a major hymn that explores the mystery of the incarnation. Lutherans then paired this hymn with “*Grates nunc omnes*” similarly to the way the Easter sequence, “*Victimae paschali laudes*” is paired with the hymn “Christ is Arisen”. Johann Bugenhagen’s 1528 church order for the city of Braunschweig gives clear details on how this was done.

- Choir sings the first part of the sequence
- Congregation sings two stanzas of the hymn
- Choir sings the first part of the sequence again
- Congregation sings two stanzas of the hymn
- Choir sings the first part of the sequence a 3rd time
- Congregation sings two more hymn stanzas
- Choir sings the entire sequence (see text below)
- Congregation sings the final hymn stanza

Let’s take a quick look at the hymn stanzas. Stanza one brings the worshiper into the angels’ song of praise for Jesus Christ, born of a virgin. Stanza two focuses on God’s eternal Son as a baby in flesh and blood. Stanza three contrasts the Lord who holds all things in His hand with His earthly form as a babe in the arms of Mary. In stanza four the Son of God is seen as true light shining in the darkness. Stanza five declares that this Son of God was sent to bring us with Him into His heavenly mansions. Stanza six Christ’s poverty and how it makes us rich. Stanza seven tells us that He did all of this to show His love, for which we believers forever rejoice and give thanks.

There is a symmetry to the hymn. Stanzas 1 and 7

focus on joy; stanzas 2 and 6, the human nature of Christ and His humility; stanzas 3 and 5, the infant on Mary’s lap and earthly time; stanza 4, the Light eternal breaks through darkness, turning children of darkness into children of the light.

The translated text of the original Latin sequence is:

Now let us render
Thanks to the Lord, our defender
Who by His chaste incarnation
Freed His creation
From the devil’s power and domination
Ever with angels
Lord ‘tis meet, we adore thee
And sing, “Gloria in excelsis Deo”
(Glory to God in the highest)

This Christmas season we will introduce this hymn and its associated sequence in the same style that we sing the Easter Sequence on Easter Day and as described above by Johann Bugenhagen. We will use the entire hymn and sequence on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, then simply sing the hymn through Epiphany, tying the season of Christmas proper together.

We thank God for his servants who have provided such rich and meaningful music to be sung during the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season.

In CHRIST,
Kantor Janssen

Upcoming Musical Events at Hope

Sunday, December 18

The Gateway Ringers handbell choir will share their Christmas program in our sanctuary. The program begins at 4:00 pm. A festive seasonal reception will follow.

Saturday, December 24

The Schola Cantorum and a professional string quartet will lead the music for Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25

The Schola Cantorum and the Hope Brass Ensemble lead festive music for Christmas Day

Friday, January 6

The Kantorei and instrumentalists lead our Divine Service to celebrate Epiphany.



**SERVING IN GOD'S MISSION
UPDATE on PLANNING WORK to DATE**

ALL MEMBERS of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church are warmly welcomed to join our congregation planning sessions that continue according to the following schedule.

**Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am-11:00 am
Session 8: "'SWOT' Analysis"**

**Saturday, December 17, 9:00-11:00 am
Session 9: "Creating Smart Goals"**

**Sunday, January 22, 10:30-11:30 am
SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY SESSION
(during Bible Study hour)
Review/Endorsement of All Plans**

We're thankful to over twenty members of our church family who have participated in Sessions 1-7 that have now been completed! Using *Re:Vitality* "Serving in God's Mission" resources developed in the LCMS Office of National Mission, the final outcome of this process will be:

- (1) a strategic ministry plan that will capture what's on our minds and hearts regarding Hope's vision, mission and purpose and
- (2) a set of specific goals designed to extend the proclamation of the Gospel to the communities that God has called us to serve.

Here's only a brief summary of what our participants in "Serving in God's Mission" have accomplished to date:

- We agreed on a **structured strategic planning process**, building a common understanding and consensus around process, terms and definitions and terms.
- We briefly reviewed **Hope's CADDs (Congregational Assessment of Development and Decline Status) report**, generated in October 2021 by wide survey of our congregation members.
- We identified a willing and able "**Core Planning Team**": Pastor Asburry, Bart Day, Keri Janssen, Nathan Maichel, Cara Patton, Kevin Robson and Carol Spyers. This team includes strong aspects of four personality ("4 P's") types helpful to our efforts: Planner, Promoter, Pragmatist and Protector.
- We took **inventory of God's provision of abundant resources** to Hope under the categories of People, Physical Assets, Programs/Ministries, Economic and Community Connections. While our list is no doubt incomplete, we identified close roughly 40 different individual resources that might significantly impact Hope's mission and ministry going forward.

- We reflected on 14 possible **core values** that might be embodied in any Lutheran congregation. Of these:
 - 4 drew our attention as being currently and especially **ACTIVE** at Hope: **Christ-Centered Worship, Lutheran Doctrine, Christian Growth (Catechesis) and Church Worker Wellness.**
 - 4 were identified as **ASPIRATIONAL** – something we would like to see enacted in a larger way at Hope: **Active Royal Priesthood, Witness (Evangelism), Outreach and Youth Ministry/Education.**
 - Other core values that might be active at Hope are Missions, Prayer and Sanctity of Life. Core values we “weren’t so sure” about were Christian Marriage and Family, Human Care/Mercy Work and Whole-Life Stewardship.

- We developed a proposed congregational **Purpose Statement** (Why has the Lord put us in this place, at this time, with these people?). It is:

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church exists to know and make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ – in our congregation and communities and throughout the world – through the faithful ministry of His Word and Sacraments. Christ is the source and goal of our life together. We know Him from the Holy Scriptures. We recognize His presence in the faithful proclamation of the Gospel and in our congregation members’ loving care in works of mercy directed toward people inside and outside of the congregation. As one family growing in His discipleship, we are committed to providing a gracious and welcoming place for all and to support His mission to extend God’s Kingdom, so that forgiveness, life and salvation might flourish in the hope of Christ alone.

- We developed a proposed congregational **Mission Statement** (What is the Lord calling us to do in our current context, i.e. people, place and time?) It is:

Share life and hope in our Savior Jesus.

- We began development and even now continue work on congregational **Vision Statements**, which answer questions such as:
 - What will demonstrate that we are putting our Mission Statement into practice?
 - What does being faithful in our context look like?
 - How will our community see us when we carry out our Mission Statement?
 - How does this incorporate our Active Core Values?
 - Which Aspirational Core Values does this help us achieve?
- We reported out on all of the SGM work-to-date at the Hope Voters Assembly meeting on Sunday, October 30.

We look forward to sharing the completion of our work on Sunday, January 22 with the entire congregation. Please make plans to join us for that special Voters Assembly session beginning at 10:30 am that day.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – December 2022

Anxiety vs. Trust

Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, teaches those who follow Him that worrying about the necessities of life is idolatry: worshipping a false god. Worry and anxiety show what we care about. Our anxiety reveals what we love and what we're devoted to. It reveals what we trust in.

This is why our Lord begins this section with an overarching principle: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24).

But you say: "I must eat and drink. I must have clothing to wear and have a home in which to dwell." Yes, all these things you need. And Jesus says that your Father in heaven will ensure that you have them. He demonstrates this with a simple argument: your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns. He clothes the lilies of the field, who neither toil nor spin but are arrayed more luxuriously than Solomon in all his glory. If, then, your Father in heaven feeds the birds, if He clothes the lilies, how will He not also feed and clothe you, when you are worth more than they are? (Matt 6:25–33).

Do you know that you are worth more than them? You are worth infinitely more. You are worth the price of the eternal Son of God. Did the Son of God come down from heaven and become a lily? Did he descend and take on the form of a bird? No! He came down from heaven and became a man: flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone (Gen. 2:23). He is one of us, our brother. And what did He do when He became flesh to dwell among us? He gave His holy, precious blood, through His innocent suffering and death, that you might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom forever.

God became man in Christ Jesus. He lived the life we failed to live, and He died the death we deserved. He was raised again on the third day overcoming sin and death...for us. He was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So, if your Father in heaven has given His Son to die for us in order that we might live with Him eternally, how will He not also give us all things to support this body and life?

To be anxious about the necessities of life, to devote yourself to food and clothing, to care about these things and find security in them, is to serve another god. It is to deny that you will live forever because Jesus, the Son of God, is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity. It is to believe that the God who created you, redeemed you by the death and resurrection of His Son and sanctified you by His Spirit, will not keep His promise to sustain you in this life.

Jesus says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). God's kingdom is His rule among us. His rule among us comes when our Father in heaven gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. This is what we ask God to do for us in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Your Father in heaven knows what you need—food and clothing, house and home—and He promises to give it to you. Chief of the things you need is His grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ. So, seek after that. And those who seek will find. And all the necessities of life, our Lord says, will be added to you.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry
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In the Sunday **Divine Service** God Himself comes in our midst to serve us through His Word and Sacrament. The *Augsburg Confession* makes this simple and profound statement about our worship: “*All ceremonies should serve the purpose of teaching the people what they need to know about Christ*” (AC, 24:3). The month of December, of course, turns our hearts and minds to Christmas, the celebration of God the Son becoming Man to bring us back to God. The Advent season is designed to be a season of repentance and preparation before the “big feast” of Christmas. We celebrate Christmas for 12 days from December 25 to January 5. Then, beginning January 6, we continue the celebration with the Epiphany season. This is the time when we see how God reveals Himself in Jesus Christ. Here’s the shape of our worship for the months of December and January:

Date	Day in Church Year	Gospel Reading	Gospel Focus (Theme of the Day)
December 4	2 nd Sunday in Advent	Luke 21:25-36	The Coming Redeemer – Jesus prepares us for His coming, both in history and in the future: <i>Lift up your heads, your redemption draws near.</i>
December 11	3 rd Sunday in Advent	Matthew 11:2-11	The Lord’s Forerunner – John the Baptizer prepares for the coming King and proclaims: <i>Prepare the way of the Lord.</i> John saw the salvation of the Lord, and so do we.
December 18	4 th Sunday in Advent	Luke 1:39-56	The Approaching Joy – Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a picture of the Church as she faithfully sings: <i>My soul magnifies the Lord.</i>
December 24/25	The Nativity of Our Lord	Luke 2:1-20 & John 1:1-18	The Birth of Our Lord – <i>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.</i> The familiar Christmas story is anything but normal: God takes on our human flesh to save us.
January 1	Circumcision & Name of Jesus	Luke 2:22-40	Old Simeon – Simeon stands on the threshold of the Old and the New. He sees the Christ Child and sings that God’s promises of salvation and consolation have been fulfilled in Him. His song becomes our song.
January 6	Epiphany of Our Lord	John 2:1-11	Jesus reveals Himself as the Lord of Gladness. Jesus was born of an earthly mother, subjected to man’s laws and ordinances, but He established a new order by which these earthly orders are changed and abrogated.
January 8	Baptism of Our Lord	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus reveals Himself as the only Son of the Father. God comes as a true human being among men, as the member of an earthly family, as a member of God’s people on earth, and yet at the same time as the only-begotten Son of the Father.
January 15	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	John 2:1-11	Jesus reveals Himself as the Lord of Gladness. Jesus was born of an earthly mother, subjected to man’s laws and ordinances, but He established a new order by which these earthly orders are changed and abrogated.
January 22	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus reveals Himself as the Savior of the Nations. He accepts those who do not yet belong to the chosen people and announces that God’s new people will be from all nations.
January 29	Transfiguration	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus reveals Himself as the Savior of the Nations. Not only the world of humans but also the world of nature (groaning and subject to vanity because of man’s sin) is included in His salvation.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for December 17 to come help decorate the sanctuary at Hope. Let's get the church ready for Christmas! Many hands make light work. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Asbury at 314-369-6661.



POINSETTIA PLANTS will be placed in the altar area during the Christmas season. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619, **before December 12**. Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and are yours to take home anytime during the Christmas season.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. our Sunday School children of all ages will take part in a Christmas service. Please join us!

2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CLOAKROOM. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX. PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022.

THRIVE PARENT UNIVERSITY

In November, Hope volunteers hosted and served dinner for the Parent University mothers.

Thrive is hoping to return to dinners and childcare on a regular basis. They are on their regular Christmas break and will resume sessions again in January. Watch for details in the bulletin.



GIVING TREE: *THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE* is again in the narthex. We are again supporting Lydia's House, which supports abused women and their children, and Our Little Haven, which supports foster children. Each of the tags (decorations) on the tree have suggestions for a gift. Please feel free to check these out and choose one or two of the gifts to purchase. Gifts must be returned to Hope by December 11 so they can be delivered to the charities for distribution to the families. It is preferred that the gifts are unwrapped, but please attach the gift card to the present. Feel free to include wrapping paper with your package. Thank you for participating and your generosity. If you have any questions call Marlane Truebe, 314-631-1218.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

It's that time of year again. Preparations are being made for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

This March marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision in January 1973. Since that time over 63,000,000 babies have been killed in their mothers' wombs in the United States of America.

Lutherans For Life also has a conference built around the March. Here is the schedule:

January 19- Exhibits, devotions, and speaker
January 20- Rally, March, speakers
January 21- Conference speakers and closing devotion

For more information and to join, see the flyer at <https://lutheransforlife.org/event/lfl-at-the-march-in-washington-d-c/>
There is also a Y4Life version of this for high school and college students.





JANUARY 26-28, 2023

Concordia Seminary's annual Faith and Film Festival is a gathering to screen and ponder Christian themes in contemporary cinema. Geared toward people interested in film and theology, the festival serves as an opportunity for participants to explore Christian themes in movies and develop eyes to see film in new ways. During the three day festival, participants will watch films together and hear from theologians, pastors and film critics. Participants should be prepared to engage in challenging discussions about the ways in which the themes of redemption, reconciliation, mercy, grace and more are embedded in film. Throughout the festival, participants will attend plenary auditorium screenings, as well as breakout sessions where attendees will have an option to choose up to three films at registration, each with their own discussion moderator(s). Continuing Education credits are available. This is a limited seating event.

Registration (includes meals): **\$100**

Student registration (with student ID, includes meals): **\$100**

Student registration (with student ID, does not include meals): **\$50**

Registration deadline: Jan. 12, 2023

Register online at csl.edu/faith-and-film or call 314-505-7286 Questions? Contact ce@csl.edu

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH HYMN SING-Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Rest, refresh, renew, rejoice! Come away from the noise, the hectic pace, and the pressures of the season, and be refreshed and renewed by the message of the heavenly angels: *the Savior Jesus Christ was born for you*. This divine proclamation will be presented by the choirs and instrumentalists of St. Paul's.

The congregation will have opportunities to sing familiar hymns and carols of the season by shimmering candlelight.

Please join us and invite your family and friends. The event is complimentary with a free will offering.



THE LUTHERAN SOUTH BANDS will host Big Band Swing on Friday, January 13 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The night will feature the local professional big band "The Ambassadors of Swing." Tickets are available for \$30 each and include beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Free swing dance lessons will be offered at 6:30 p.m. It is sure to be a fun evening as we raise money for the band to go on tour this spring! Register at LSlancers.org/events.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS

Friend a Family, a program of Christian Friends of New Americans, works with local congregations and groups of volunteers through a partnership with the International Institute of St. Louis to form Support Groups who are paired with a new refugee family. Support Groups help families settle into their new homes, learn their neighborhood, understand bills and budget, practice English, and experience the love of Christ through family partnership.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of Lutheran churches and the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, there is no financial commitment; however, Support Groups are expected to interact with families at least weekly and serve for at least 3 months.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elder: 4 – Scot Kinnaman 11 – Chad Rolland 18 – Scot Kinnaman 24 – Jim Frost 25 – Kevin Robson 31 – Chad Rolland	Altar Guild: 4 Spyers/Truebe 11 Asburry/Bergdolt 18 Brown/Patton 25 Keller/Janssen			1	2	3 <i>Pastor's day off</i> 9-11am Serving in God's Mission
4 <u>Advent 2</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School NO Youth Catechism 11:30 Choir rehearsal	5	6	7 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer	8	9	10 <i>Pastor's day off</i> 9:30-10:30am Sunday School rehearsal
11 <u>Advent 3</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ Sunday School NO Youth Catechism 11:30 Choir rehearsal	12 7:00 Board of Finance	13	14 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer with Sunday School	15	16	17 <i>Pastor's day off</i> 9-11am Serving in God's Mission
18 <u>Advent 4</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ SS 11:30 Youth Catechism 11:30 Choir rehearsal 4:00 Gatewav Ringers	19	20	21 NO Kantorei Rehearsal 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 Divine Service
25 <u>Christmas Day</u> 9:00 Divine Service NO Bible Class/ Sunday School NO Youth Catechism NO Choir rehearsal	26 Church office closed	27	28 NO Kantorei Rehearsal	29	30	31 <i>Pastor's day off</i> 4:00 Divine Service

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1 Circumcision & Name of Jesus 9:00 Divine Service NO Bible Class/Sun. School NO Youth Catechism NO Choir rehearsal	2 Church office closed	3	4 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal	5	6 Epiphany of Our Lord 7:00 Divine Service	7 <i>Pastor's day off</i>
8 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:30 Youth Catechism 11:30 Choir rehearsal	9 7:00 Church Council	10	11 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal	12	13	14 <i>Pastor's day off</i>
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