- -Just a **heads up** for anyone planning to do things at church: Thursday, **December 22** at **2 pm** there will be a **wedding** at LSLC followed by a reception.
- -Today we will have a congregational meeting following worship. Please plan to attend.
- -On December 18, The Comeback Choir will again beautify our worship with their voices. There will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall afterward. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker

December Birthdays and Anniversarys

14 Robert Schweitzer B, 22 Pastor Emmrich B, 25 Al Vollrath B, 26 Mike & Lil Baker A, 30 Pastor & Nancy A

Other Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 14th: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm, followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday, December 21st: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm, followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service of 9 Lessons & Carols at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day: Worship at 10:00 a.m. (note there is no Bible Study prior to worship)

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of The Third Sunday in Advent December 11, 2022

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- In the name of the Father and of the ₱ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,
 in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
 ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
 on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever:

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

The Catechism Daily Prayers HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY IN THE EVENING

In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,
Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this
day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me
this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my
body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be
with me, that the evil foe may have no power over
me. Amen.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

THE READINGS

Sun	December 11	Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21
Mon	December 12	Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25
Tue	December 13	Isaiah 29:15-30:14; Revelation 1:1-20
Wed	December 14	Isaiah 30:15-26; Revelation 2:1-29
Thu	December 15	Isaiah 30:27-31:9; Revelation 3:1-22
Fri	December 16	Isaiah 32:1-20; Revelation 4:1-11
Sat	December 17	Isaiah 33:1-24; Revelation 5:1-14

The Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings sound the note of joy. In the Old Testament reading, Isaiah says, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD." In the Epistle, Paul writes, "Rejoice always." In the Gospel, John the Baptizer has the joy of announcing that the Messiah has come. The gradual says, "Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion." Today, on Gaudete or "Rejoice" Sunday, we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of our rejoicing

LSLC Things to Know

- -There is a **sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board if you wish to bring a food item for our **Advent Soup Suppers**.
- -Thank you to all who helped, in any way, with the Christmas Bakery/Gift sale.