

# PROPERS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## ADVENT ANTIPHON (Morning Prayer)

**L** Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

INTROIT/PSALM *1 Samuel 2:1b, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

My mouth derides my | enemies,\*  
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

**There is none holy | like the LORD;\***

**there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.**

The barren has borne | seven,\*

but she who has many children | is forlorn.

**The LORD kills and | brings to life;\***

**he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.**

The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\*

he brings low and | he exalts.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*

and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

GRADUAL *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

**Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\***

**righteous and having sal- | vation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition ends:*

**P** "Lord, in Your mercy, "

**C** "*hear our prayer.* "

## NOTES FOR WORSHIP

### **OFFERING**

*As the offerings are collected, the "Record of Fellowship" may be filled out and passed down the pew. When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back. As the offerings are brought forward, all stand to sing the Doxology (LSB #805).*

### **SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

*Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visitors are kindly asked to read the communion statement on the next page.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Confessing the Word of the Lord in love for all who worship here, and acknowledging the biblical truth that unity with Christ at His altar in Holy Communion embodies Christ's gift of unity in faith and practice, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all who are communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation. Communicants are asked to register their participation in the "Record of Fellowship," noting their home LCMS congregation if other than St. John, Bingen. If you have any questions about our communion practice, or the Lutheran faith in general, please speak with our pastor after the service.

## *Please join us for our Special Christmas Services*

### *Christmas Eve + Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

7 p.m.– Children's Service *O come, little children, O come, one and all*  
11 p.m. – Candlelight Divine Service

### *Christmas Day + Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

9 a.m. – Christmas Day Divine Service with Readings and Carols

### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas + Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>*

8 a.m. – Divine Service with Readings and Carols  
10:30 a.m. - Divine Service with Readings and Carols  
*(No Sunday School or Bible Class)*

### *New Year's Eve + Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*+ Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus +*

7 p.m. - Divine Service

# *St. John Weekly News + December 23, 2018*

**2018 Contributions** - Please have any contributions for 2018 in to church by 12/31/18 in order to be credited to 2018. If you have stock sales or something of that nature that will not be completed till after 12/31/18, please let Delin Kleine or Jay Witte know so we can plan accordingly. Any contribution received after 12/31/18 will be applied to 2019 unless you notify Delin or Jay beforehand. Thank you!

**2019 Labels** - The 2019 labels are available now. Please note that your contribution number **has likely changed**, so please discard any of your old labels after 12/31/18. The **new labels will be green in color** and unlike in past years, there is only one label for ALL funds. Please read the letter included with the labels on the requested way to mark which fund to apply the contribution too and how to give to multiple funds. If you have questions, contact Delin Kleine or Jay Witte. Thank you!

**Annual Reports** – Please have your year end reports submitted to the office by Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank-you!

## **High School Youth**

Next Gathering – January 6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany

## **Recognizing the past graduates of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School**

***This week is the Class of 1987:***

Mitchel Baumann, Lyle Berning, Beth Blomenberg, Kurt Braun, Nathan Bultemeier, Amy Bultemeyer, Von Bultemeyer, Todd Buuck, Linda Conrad, Sara Croucher, Daniel Gallmeyer, Emily Habel, Kimberlee Hoffman, Michelle Johnson, Todd Kreigh, Emily Lehrman, Kevin Macke, Jennifer Menter, Curtis Rekeweg, Cathy Scheiman, Stephanie Scheumann, Troy Scheumann, Laura Selking, Sandra Selking, Sarah Witte

## **Wyneken's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction** –

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 p.m. at The Orchard Ridge Country Club.

Tickets \$50 per person by January 1<sup>st</sup> (\$60 after January 1<sup>st</sup>).

For Tickets and Information: Please contact May Holt (760-696-0095)

For Donations: Please contact Kari Butcher (260-223-2277 or

[krose272@gmail.com](mailto:krose272@gmail.com)) or Erin Hull (260-580-2709 or

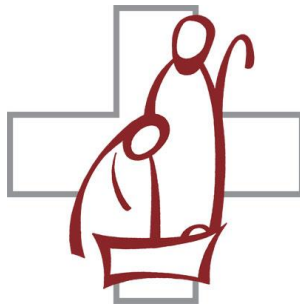
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**Save the Date for Bingen's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili and Soup Cook-Off and Euchre Tournament** – Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Union Township Hall in Decatur.



Talk Radio for the Christmas Season  
 Upcoming topics: **The Christmas Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

Rev. Will Weedon of LCMS Worship; **The Holy Family** Dr. Louis Brighton of Concordia Seminary; **The Church’s Observance of Christmas Day** Rev. David Petersen of Gottesdienst; **The Christmas Hymn “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”** Dr. Arthur Just of Concordia Theological Seminary; **Praetorius: Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning** Dr. Joseph Herl of Concordia University Nebraska; **The Top Religion Stories of 2018** Terry Mattingly of GetReligion; Listen at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on our free mobile app. Just search for “Lutheran Public Radio” in iTunes or GooglePlay.

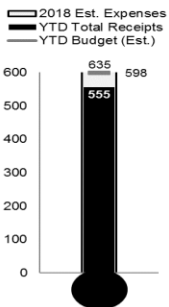


## + STEWARDSHIP CORNER +

**Bulletin Bloopers** ☺ The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

**Luke 1:45** – “**And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.**” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave

Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



Offerings Received at 12/10/18	\$13,000
Total Offerings Received through 12/10/18	\$555,319
Total 2018 Year-end Estimated Expenses	\$635,000
Offerings Required to meet 2018 Year-end Estimated Expenses	\$79,681