

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and our Lord Christ Jesus. We're glad you found your way to us. If you're feeling lost, please be sure to reach out to your neighbor, and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We hope you feel welcome and comfortable at Town and Country.

Where our service is marked with a **C** are spoken or sung by the Congregation. Sections marked with an **P** or **L** are for the pastor or worship leaders, and **A** is for Assistant.

A special welcome to those with young children.

We are very delighted you are here today. At Town and Country, we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and giggle a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed. Children are always welcome.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see. Encourage them to note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus is doing here promises to engage them.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to join in on parts. *Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father!* These belong to them, too.
- Be sure to sing, speak, and pray your parts also as you sit and stand. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here with us!
- If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing with you in Jesus words, **“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”** (Luke 18:16-17 ESV)

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, encourage, and bless you all. Welcome to Town and Country Lutheran Church.

AS WE GATHER

The season of Advent reminds us that we as individuals are part of the big picture of salvation planned by our God as we reflect on the coming of Christ to earth for us. We are called to be resolute, as in the words of the hymn “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”—determined and assured in Christ. We celebrate the season resolutely, sure that in Christ, God has done all that is necessary to keep us in His salvation picture for time and for eternity!



PREPARATION

PRELUDE

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS | *Hand Bell Choir*

HYMN OF INVOCATION

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME | *LSB 356*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

- P** Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.
- C** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
- P** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- C** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
- P** And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE**Romans 1:1–7**

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GRADUAL AND VERSE

C Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.

C Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 1:18–25**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to

shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL / EMMANUEL COME** | *HeartSong*

1 **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.** *Refrain*

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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*

Pre-Chorus

Come bring the light of Your holy face
Heal our hearts with Your saving grace
The hope of nations now with us to dwell

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice we lift up longing hearts and sing
Rejoice rejoice let every tongue and nation ring
Rejoice rejoice Almighty God and Savior King
Rejoice rejoice for great triumphant hope You bring

Bridge

Emmanuel come Emmanuel
We lift our hearts and sing
Emmanuel come Emmanuel
Let every nation ring
Emmanuel come Emmanuel
Almighty God and King
Emmanuel come Emmanuel
Triumphant hope You bring

Ending

Emmanuel come Emmanuel
Emmanuel come Emmanuel

SERMON



MATTHEW 1:23

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord God, You promised the virgin-born Son to reluctant King Ahaz, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith gladly to receive Your Son in the signs where He is present: not in signs of our own choosing, but in the Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The close and response to each petition is....

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The prayer concludes...

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly Lord and ruler of the house of Israel. With the Holy Spirit, You spoke to Moses out of the burning bush and gave the law in terror to test Your ancient people, that the fear of You would be before them. As Moses stretched out his arm at Your Word to bring Israel out of bondage, and as he stood in the breach against Your wrath, so You have given Christ to redeem us with His arms outstretched on the wood of the cross. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

*(It is our desire to know you and to meet your special needs. Please, fill in the **Worship Attendance Card** which is found in your bulletin, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher as you leave.)*



Fourth Sunday in Advent

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Be lifted up
O ANCIENT DOORS

that the
KING OF GLORY
may come in

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM | LSB 361



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Verse 1

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King**

Verse 2

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King**

Verse 3

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King**

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

THE DISMISSAL

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

Stand

THANK THE LORD

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

C Amen.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO MEMBERS

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became members of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation for 46 years. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our brother and sister with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend them as they now depart from us. Preserve them in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your

saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace and joy. The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME | LSB 332



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.**
- 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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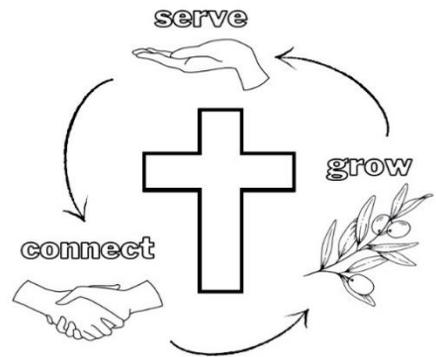
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NEW TO TOWN AND COUNTRY

We welcome those new and visiting Town and Country! We hope you have a wonderful experience with our Town & Country Family. Feel free to take a pamphlet from the wall to the left of our Connecting Point Station or a copy of Portals of Prayer. You may also sign our Guest Book at the church entrance.

If you are new to Town and Country, our worship experiences at Town incorporate a variety of hymns, songs, voices, and instruments with the goal of focusing on Jesus. We pray the Spirit, working through the Word, impacts your life with Christ. Have a blessed day!



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICE

Assisted Listening Devices are available from the ushers as you enter the church. For assistance, please contact an usher.

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, Christ gives His body and blood to forgive sins, renews faith, and causes Godly and brotherly love to grow. We remember and praise God for the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf on the cross. Out of pastoral concern and care and taking to heart the word in 1 Corinthians 11:28, "A person ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup." To receive this means of God's grace properly we should positively answer the following, "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to turn from sin and live anew to God and to others in love and service?"

- If you are unsure about what it means to take the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor prior to the service.
- Children are invited to attend with folded hands below the rail to receive a blessing. Youth recently confirmed or who have completed an Early Communion class are encouraged to hold out their hand to assist the servers in distribution.
- Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

Let's now celebrate the Love of the Lamb of God

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor	Reverend Trevor Mankin
Lay Ministers	Jim Matthews, Dave Scholz
Ushers	John & Julie Parrish Terry Damro, Fred Cary
Greeter	John & Julie Parrish
Reader	Linda Meyer Ehly
Organist	Jerilynn Reed
Hand Bells Director	Londa Skov
Praise Band	HeartSong
Sound	Tom Matthews
Screen	Ben Dotson
Altar Guild	Karen Colston
Fellowship	Linda, Paul & Tania Bastron



PRAYER LIST

Serving Jesus at home...

Askalu Amelash
Bonnie Bachtold
Jan Brenner
Chad Buford
Louise Cobeldick
Mary Harrell
Bill Hirschfelt
Harold Meyer
Gary Wiedeman

PRAYER REQUESTS

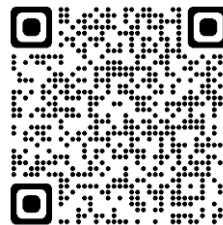
Prayer requests to be included in morning prayers can be given to an usher before church, who will pass it on to the Pastor. If you want to request prayer from "The Prayer Connection" please call Marge Otto (916) 481-3593 – After 6 PM please call Tracy Sanderson (916) 396-0846

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Contact Pastor Mankin:

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You can download the Vanco Mobile App for iPhone or Android smart phones. Visit your app store today to start online giving, where you can set up reoccurring payments, choose the fund of your choice (LWML, Flowers, Memorials, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, etc...), or donate a one- time gift.

Thank you for your contributions!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 18 - 25, 2022

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:30 am Divine Service
10:30 am Fellowship
No Bible Class today.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00 pm Adult Volleyball

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 am Joy in the Morning Bible Class
5:30 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Candlelight Service
11:30 pm Midnight Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am Divine Service
10:30 am Fellowship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, December 24th

7:00 pm & 11:30 pm

Christmas Morning Service

Sunday, December 25th - 9:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Email: matt@tclutheranchurch.org

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Devotional booklets for January-March are available at the church entrance.

FRIENDSHIP UNLIMITED ANNUAL BRUNCH

Sunday, January 8, 2023

11:00 AM

Danielle's Creperie

3535 Fair Oaks Blvd. 95864

RSVP BY JANUARY 1st

Rich Nelson: 916-296-1930

Sharon Nelson: 916-296-4633



ENVELOPES IN TODAY'S BULLETIN

Every year, we collect contributions for poinsettias for Christmas Eve & Day - and staff gifts. The poinsettias will be displayed on the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Those who contribute may take a plant home after the Christmas Day Service. Staff Gifts are greatly appreciated by our hard working staff, all 2 of us!!! Especially after such a hectic year. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings throughout the year!

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2023 is now up in the church entrance. Sign up for Sunday flowers, in memory of a loved one, for birthdays, anniversaries, or a special occasion. Questions? Call or email the office. Thank you for helping beautify the church sanctuary.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE???

Did you know that by shopping on Amazon you can donate a portion of every purchase to the charity of your choice? Visit smile.amazon.com and choose who you would like to donate to. Town & Country Lutheran Church is on the list! Every time you shop, a little bit will go towards the church. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

Zion Lutheran Church is hiring part-time **Administrative Assistants** to empower life together on mission in and around North Highlands. Actually, Zion is not only hiring for the **long-haul** but is also seeking a **temp** or two ASAP!

Does someone in particular come to mind who could serve in this way? Who do you know who would be a good fit in your role within driving distance of North Highlands?

Questions? Leads? Ideas? Please email me knippac@zionlutherannah.org
or Pam at ZionNHSec@gmail.com, or call 916-332-4001.

*Thank you,
Pastor Colter Knippa*

BRIDGING INITIATIVES INTERNATIONAL

God has helped us to get a place to rent in the Citrus Heights area for a family with a 4-year-old. Please see the brochure with the appeal and needs. I am so thankful for your support and prayers.

~Yene Wolteji

Brochures are located at the church entrance