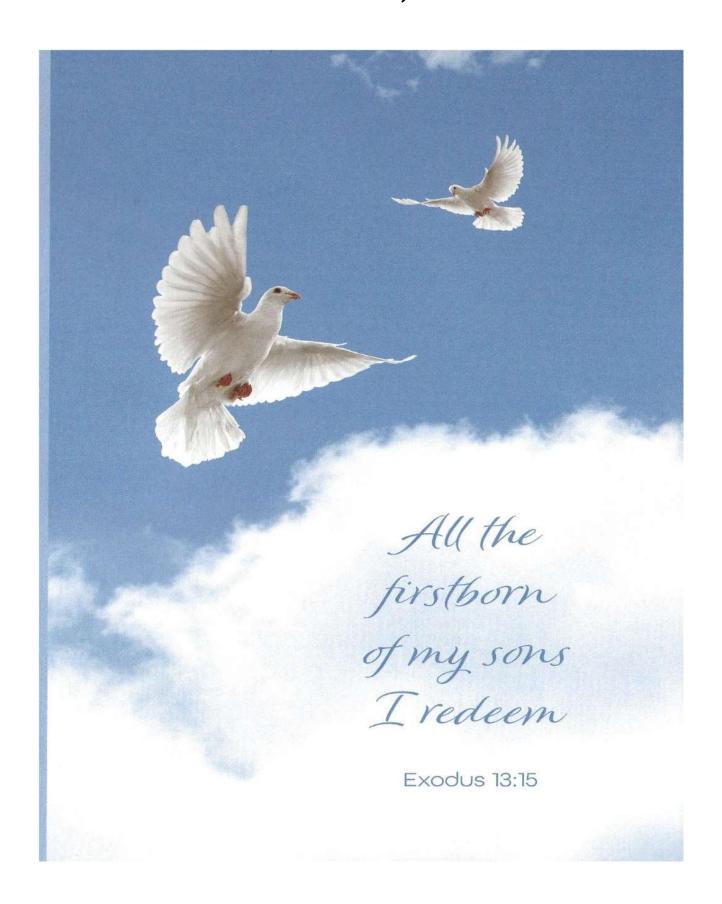
The First Sunday after Christmas | December 29, 2024



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About the Cover

The Lord commanded that two turtledoves or pigeons were needed to redeem the firstborn son. Moses instructed fathers to tell their children that this was a reminder of the Lord's redemption of His people from the hand of Pharaoh. When the Father sent the Son, Christ Himself did the work of redemption as He stood in our place. Christ has bought us back from our outstanding debt of sin, not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood.

Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a "common unity" of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing, but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.

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Hymn of Invocation: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*
- Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,* and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

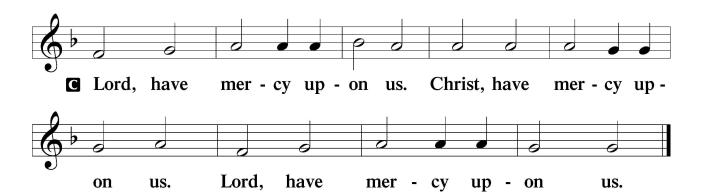
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,* and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie LSB 186

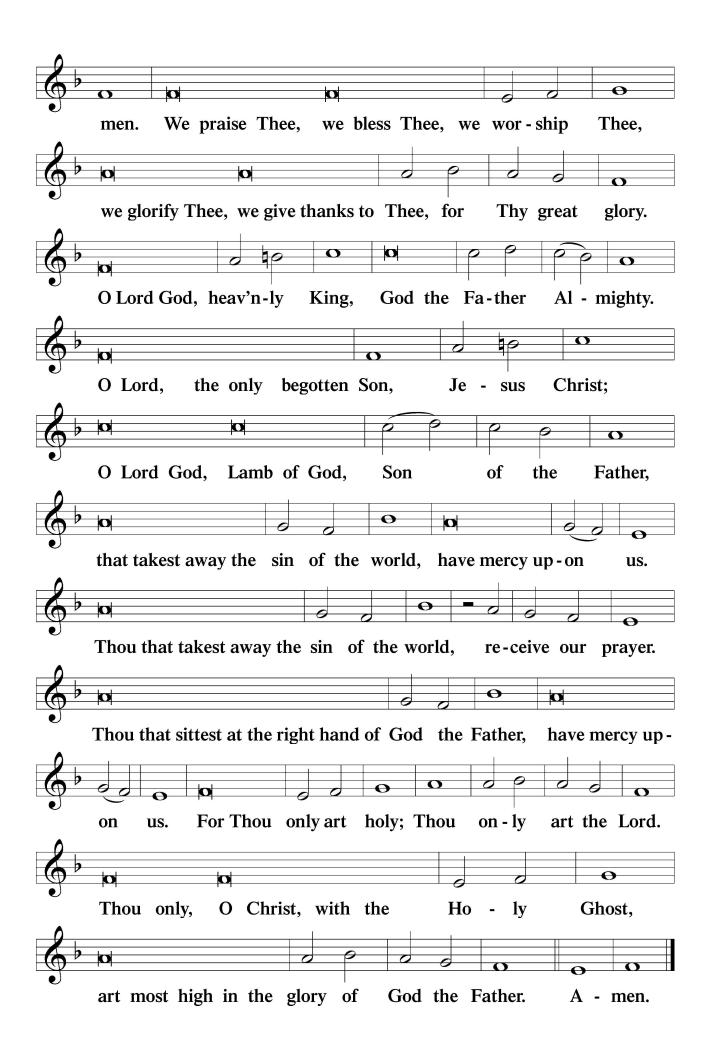


Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward



- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray... O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." ³Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . . ¹¹ "When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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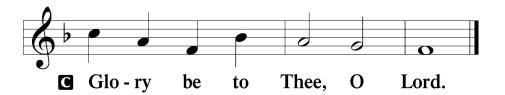
Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

and for glory to your people Israel."

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Nicene Creed LSB 191

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: "Let All Together Praise Our God" LSB 389

1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.

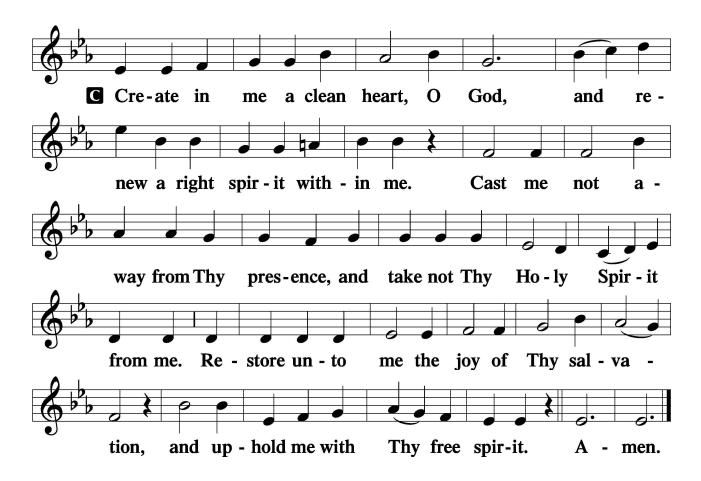
- He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
 Is born an infant small,
 And in a manger, poor and lone,
 Lies in a humble stall,
 Lies in a humble stall.
- Within an earthborn form He hides
 His all-creating light;
 To serve us all He humbly cloaks
 The splendor of His might,
 The splendor of His might.
- He undertakes a great exchange,
 Puts on our human frame,
 And in return gives us His realm,
 His glory, and His name,
 His glory, and His name.
- He is a servant, I a lord:
 How great a mystery!
 How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
 No truer friend than He,
 No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door
 To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.
- ∆ Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

Votum

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

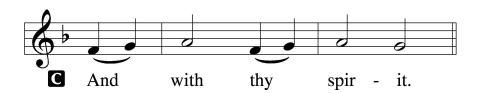


Prayer of the Church

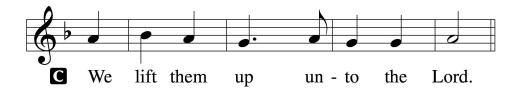
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Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

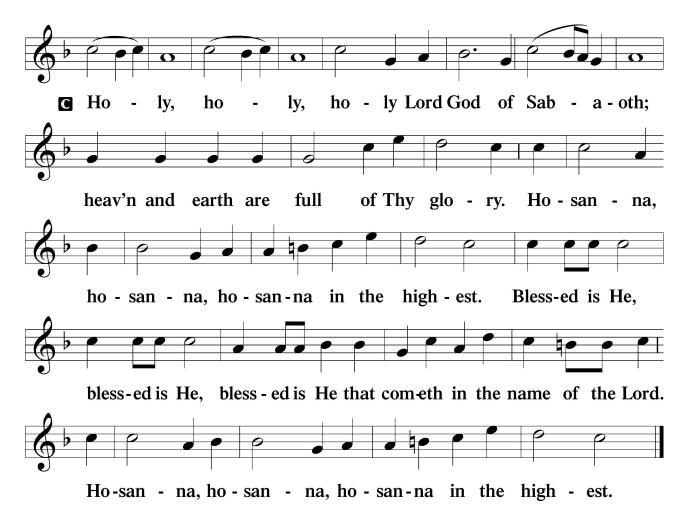


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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 LSB 195



Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.



P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei LSB 198





Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" LSB 390

- Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven, Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
- To this vale of tears He comes,Here to serve in sadness,That with Him in heav'n's fair homesWe may reign in gladness.
- We are rich, for He was poor;
 Is not this a wonder?
 Therefore praise God evermore
 Here on earth and yonder.
- Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
 Be Thou ever near us.
 Grant us now a glad new year.
 Amen, Jesus, hear us.

- A great and mighty wonder,
 A full and holy cure:
 The virgin bears the infant
 With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*
- ref Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!"
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
 And yet remains on high,
 And cherubim sing anthems
 To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
- While thus they sing your Monarch,
 Those bright angelic bands,
 Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
 And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*
- 4 Since all He comes to ransom,
 By all be He adored,
 The infant born in Bethl'em,
 The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
- All idols then shall perish
 And Satan's lying cease,
 And Christ shall raise His scepter,
 Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



Thanksgiving LSB 200

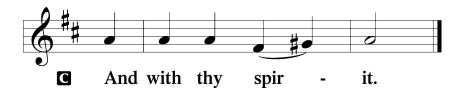
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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.



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 201

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202



Hymn to Depart: "Let Our Gladness Have No End"

LSB 381

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia! For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia! *Refrain*
- ref On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us; Christ, His Son, to save us.
- 2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia! God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia! From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia! He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! *Refrain*

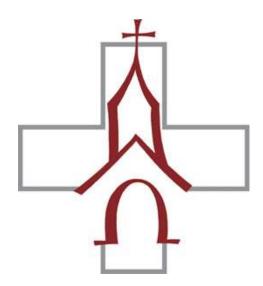
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING

SUNDAY, DEC 29	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class ~ Sunday School
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service
TUESDAY	5:00 P.M.	New Year's Eve Service
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	No Bible Class
	10:15 A.M.	No Fitness Class
	10:40 A.M.	No Fellowship Hour
	5:30 P.M.	No Confirmation Class
SUNDAY, JAN 5	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class ~ Sunday School
Pantry Sunday ~ Cristo Rey	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service ~ Epiphany

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer list emphasis for today:

Serious health concerns

Serious health conditions: Rev. Murdock, Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe Prayers for the family of Lucy Jahns

Celebrating Birthdays This Week!!!

Richard Hochstetler ~ Robert Bretl ~ Patricia Erickson ~ Jerry Tutskey ~ James Whiting

Please remember to complete one of the attendance cards in the pew rack. This information is used for many planning purposes!

If you purchased an 8" Poinsettia, make sure to pick it up after today's service. They are located in the entryway.

Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of January is Cristo Rey. Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out shopping!

Note... If you would like to receive a printout of your weekly contributions for 2024, they will be available upon request anytime after January 10th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Just a reminder... There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in the month of January.

ATTENTION!!!

The staff at Holy Cross is currently in the process of updating our records of contact information for members, etc. If you need to update your address, phone number or email, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Volunteering to Serve

As we approach 2025, Holy Cross is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and leadership positions. If you are interested in serving the Lord through leadership/ committee work or general assist, please call or text Marcia Green *refer to church phone directory.

Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services! If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

Fitness Class/Fellowship Hour

Exercise class begins at 10:15 A.M. immediately following the 9 A.M. Bible Class led by Pastor Wright. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2025... Here's a simple way to study God's Word. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Psalms. You can listen at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider. You can also listen by phone at 1 (618) 262-0078.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org:
Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the
12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming
will resume on January 7th.

Prayer List

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Park Vista-Ron & Caroline Luecke; Wodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips; Hope Creek, East Moline-Elizabeth Cobb

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:
Steven Bell (nephew of Pastor & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt (brother of Sarah Paller) Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison),

Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

Serious Health Concerns:

Rev. Murdock, Joyce Spidle, Ladd Poell (friend of Donna Knudtson),
Tracy Bennet (friend of Sieg Paulsen), Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood
(brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg,
Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus,
Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake,
Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake,
Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:

Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll), Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.