

Worship in the Home
Third Sunday of Advent, Year B
December 13, 2020



In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW # 255



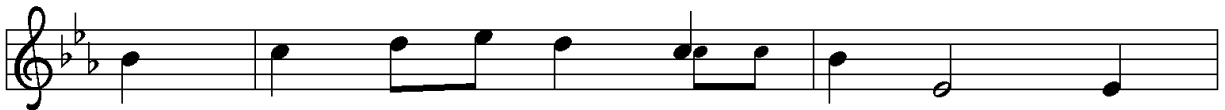
1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



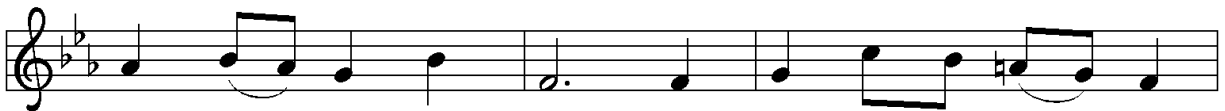
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candles

Blessed are you, O God. You have done great things for us, and we rejoice in you! Send us with the good news of your love to all who are sad or lonely.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; the LORD has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display the glory of God. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation, and has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Judeans sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰John confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

²³John said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ” as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Mourning and waiting for comfort are the human condition. Right now, all the world waits for healing. Christians in the northern hemisphere have taken Advent darkness as a strong and evocative symbol for all human waiting, in all times. The darkness of this season has a certain quiet beauty, especially as it frames the growing presence of holiday lights, but — like John the Baptist — this season is not the light. John then bears witness to the Light that is Christ: “Among you stands one whom you do not know.” Every Sunday celebrates the presence of the crucified and risen Christ in the power of the Spirit. This Third Advent Sunday celebrates how Christ stands present with us all now, hidden in the midst of and sharing all human waiting. Just so, he is already the garland God puts upon the earth, the springing up of righteousness like a blossoming garden, the grounds of our rejoicing. In our baptism and in the word we hear today, we are clothed like guests at God’s marriage with the earth, and we are invited to turn to our mourning and waiting neighbors, being with them in comfort as Jesus Christ is, and working to repair the ruined cities.

Hymn of the Day *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW # 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Prayers of Intercession

On this third Sunday of Advent, we join in prayer as we await God's salvation.

God of prophets and preachers, strengthen the witness of bishops, pastors, deacons, church musicians, and lay leaders. Protect Christians who are persecuted for the faith. While churches await a full return to assembly worship, empower the baptized with your faithful Spirit. Embed your word in our hearts. We pray for the church: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of creation, grant relief to endangered animals and plants. Protect the rain forests. Provide for those who rely on nature's rhythms for their livelihood. Train us to dwell on this earth in such a way that all people may thrive. We pray for the earth: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of all lands, plant in the leaders of every nation a love of justice and a commitment to serve the common good. Calm tensions in the Middle East, and bring peace where civil conflicts rage. Release child soldiers from forced service. Equip regions to rebuild cities that have been destroyed by war. We pray for the nations: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of exiles and wanderers, give a homeland to refugees. Provide housing for those whose dwellings have been destroyed. Protect street people from the cold and be with teenage runaways. Uphold the work of ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and all disaster relief organizations. Comfort all who feel isolated from others. We pray for all in distress: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of the sorrowing and the brokenhearted, give health to the sick, relief to medical workers, and comfort to mourners. Attend to those with lifelong illness. We beg for an end to the coronavirus and a fair distribution of the vaccines. Receive our prayers for . . . We pray for the sick: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of each one of us, we await peace and justice, health and wholeness. Sustain us as we await your coming. Hear now our unceasing prayers. We pray for ourselves: **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God of sinners and saints, while facing sadness and death, we grieve; yet we offer you praise for all the saints, especially the martyr Lucy, those who have died of COVID-19, and those whose names we call out to you now. . . . At the end, gather us into the joy of your glory. We pray for your salvation. **Mighty Savior, come and save us.**

God beyond all things, God dwelling among us now, receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came, who comes, and who is coming now and forever, and who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

The Creator of the stars bless our Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill us with love, the unexpected Spirit guide our journey, + now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

People Look East

ELW # 248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be conducted by Zoom video conferencing **TODAY**, at **10:30AM following online worship**. You do NOT have to have a computer or internet access to participate. You can call into the meeting on your telephone using one of the provided numbers. For assistance using Zoom, please call Pastor Traci (814-935-9267) before the day of the annual meeting.

Log In for Zoom:

Topic: Annual Meeting

Time: TODAY 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5966211441?pwd=VIE2MVdMT3drdkIxTFhLK2RLNkRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 596 621 1441

Passcode: 8675309

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December's Special Envelope

This month you will find an envelope marked "Christmas Offering". The designation for this offering is to help make up the deficit in the annual budget. If you are a monthly or quarterly contributor and would like to donate to this offering, please use a "PEW" envelope and mark "Christmas" along with your name or offering number.

Schedule Meetings

TODAY, December 13: 10:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
via **Zoom or PHONE**

Online Worship

Sunday: Service of the Word Livestream 9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Christmas Carols with Dr. Smith (recorded)

Tuesday: Morning & Evening Prayer 9 AM & 9 PM

Wednesday: Holden Evening Prayer 7 PM

Thursday: Morning Prayer 9 AM, Advent Devotions 7 PM (on Zoom)

Online Study

Tuesday — Friday: Midday Kids' Devotions

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns:, John Aljets, Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Helena Bassler, Barry Brumbaugh, Kelly Burk, Diane Cappel, Todd Chipperfield, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Melissa Fetzer, Brian Fleck, Ruth Fletcher, Jim Freyer, Amy Haffling, Erika Hallam, Betty Helsel, Gene Henry, Dan Hershberger, Audrey Hite, Jeff Hoenstine, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Rick McIntyre, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Nathan, Jim Negley, Zowe Orczeck, Aunt Mica, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Kaleb Sollenberger, Barbara Smith, Connie Smith, Drew Smith, Luther Steele, Michael Sutton, Wyatt Sweinhart, Joyce Taylor, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Lyndsay Yon, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

Specialist Training in the Army: Nathan Smith

Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for Pat Hainaut upon the death of her husband, Bill Hainaut, Thursday, December 10. Bill was a cousin to Ruth Marshall.

MITTEN COLLECTION "BOX"

Please drop off (in the mail slot by the Maple St. Entrance) school-age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be placed in the Mitten Box from NOW until December 20th. These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Donations of money can be given by mailing to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and in the memo line write "*Mitten BOX*", and the money will be used to purchase needed items. *Let's help children have a warmer winter!*

Committees Need Volunteers

Christian Ed. Committee – Needs Volunteer - responsible for enlightening and overseeing our religious education among our youth and adults.

Evangelism Committee – Needs Volunteer - responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities of connecting our members and fellow neighbors.



Announcing our 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting is TODAY, December 13th at the conclusion of the Worship Service (10:30 a.m.) by ZOOM (**either by phone or online**). The agenda includes: adopting the 2021 Proposed

Budget, which is enclosed with this bulletin, and election of the 2021 Council Members.

President	Melissa Fetzer (2 nd term)
Vice President	Peggy Steinfurth
Council Secretary	Elaine Smith (2 nd term)
Christian Ed.	Need Candidate
Evangelism	Need Candidate
Property	Ed Kreider (1 st term)

Nominating Committee: Peggy Steinfurth, Sheena Tremmel,
Les Loomis, Martie Gilbert

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Proposed Budget 2021

	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR					
Base Salary/Housing Allowance	\$56,081.00	\$54,873.00	\$53,815.12	\$10,724.32	\$0.00
Social Security Allowance	\$4,290.00	\$4,198.00	\$4,039.92	\$652.84	\$0.00
Transitional Pastors Stipend				\$24,000.75	\$26,925.00
Total Compensation	\$60,371.00	\$59,071.00	\$57,855.04	\$35,377.91	\$26,925.00
Pension Contribution	\$7,245.00	\$7,089.00	\$6,822.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical	\$9,478.00	\$8,624.00	\$7,817.92	\$2,622.64	\$0.00
Disability and Death	\$1,329.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,535.03	\$9.00	\$0.00
Disability Insurance Supplement		\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Support		\$414.00	\$397.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Care Deductible Payment					
Total Benefits	\$18,052.00	\$17,877.00	\$16,573.32	\$2,631.64	\$0.00
TOTAL COMPENSATION & BENEFITS OF THE PASTOR	\$78,423.00	\$76,948.00	\$74,428.36	\$38,009.55	\$26,925.00
PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT					
Automobile Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,269.68	\$317.95	\$400.38
Continuing Ed, Books & Periodicals	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,002.74	\$77.16	\$588.53
Assembly/Conference Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$461.00	\$143.00	\$426.00
Other Professional Exp	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,397.38	\$18.88	\$12.45
Transition Pastors Mileage and Lodging				\$9,243.52	\$10,785.42
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,130.80	\$9,800.51	\$12,212.78
VISITATION MINISTRY					
Pastor of Visitation					
Social Security Allowance					
TOTAL VISITATION MINISTRY					
PARISH ADMINISTRATION					
Parish Administrative Assistant	\$31,272.00	\$30,600.00	\$30,599.94	\$29,618.00	\$26,367.26
Employer's SS Taxes Parish Admin Ass't	\$2,392.00	\$2,341.00	\$2,224.38	\$2,126.44	\$1,847.69
Employee Benefits Parish Admin Ass't	\$13,676.00	\$13,655.00	\$13,093.08	\$14,161.66	\$11,429.07
Assistant to Administrative Assistant	\$2,938.00	\$2,875.00	\$2,064.51	\$1,697.25	
Employer's SS Taxes Ass't Admin Ass't	\$255.00	\$220.00	\$161.34	\$112.45	
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,956.78	\$2,586.16	\$2,718.75
Postage	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,381.71	\$1,370.16	\$1,587.89
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,927.98	\$2,841.07	\$1,997.98
Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,366.35	\$1,523.26	\$916.58
Computer Program & Updates	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,627.00	\$1,882.91	\$1,894.09
Copier Lease	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,134.60	\$4,150.70	\$3,960.13
Misc. Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$141.70	\$161.88
TOTAL PARISH ADMINISTRATION	\$65,983.00	\$66,241.00	\$64,537.67	\$62,211.76	\$52,881.32
WORSHIP AND MUSIC					
Supply Pastors Compensation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$75.00)	\$1,063.14	\$1,575.00
Organists' Stipends	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00	\$7,162.40	\$3,950.00	\$4,282.28
Adult Choir Dir. Stipend	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Organ, Piano, and Carillon	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$870.00	\$350.00
Choir Music	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$152.60	\$34.67	\$107.24
Worship Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,552.92	\$1,481.25	\$1,807.78
Devotional Guides	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$259.25	\$413.50	\$396.50
Bulletins		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.90
Flower Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$21.95	\$90.00
Journey to Bethlehem	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$501.91	\$0.00	\$591.86
Audio Tech Person	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL WORSHIP AND MUSIC	\$16,175.00	\$14,300.00	\$11,104.08	\$7,834.51	\$9,271.56
EVANGELISM					
Evangelism Projects	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$229.65	\$298.20	\$255.43
TOTAL EVANGELISM	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$229.65	\$298.20	\$255.43
FELLOWSHIP					

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Proposed Budget 2021

	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Fellowship Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,195.21	\$1,179.11	\$1,103.23
TOTAL FELLOWSHIP	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,195.21	\$1,179.11	\$1,103.23
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
Synod Assembly (3 delegates)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$292.00	\$286.00	\$378.00
SCS Christmas Gifts		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$38.02	\$80.07
Rally Day Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
After School Fellowship Activities		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vacation Church School	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$19.93	\$0.00	\$1,019.41
Library Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Lutheran	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,009.14	\$1,044.98	\$1,071.40
Curriculum & Supplies	\$800.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,287.61	\$538.31	\$812.11
St. Matthew Youth Events	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$205.17	\$0.00	\$11.99
National Youth Gathering Advisor		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Advent and Lenten Workshop	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FBI Background Checks	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$58.85	\$61.20	\$16.00
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$4,600.00	\$4,650.00	\$2,872.70	\$2,968.51	\$3,388.98
YOUTH LEADER					
Conference & Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Leader Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employer SS Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL YOUTH LEADER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE					
Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,286.00	\$7,999.45	\$5,119.00
Electricity	\$14,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$12,599.92	\$13,662.03	\$14,254.45
Janitorial Services	\$15,405.00	\$15,080.00	\$14,867.11	\$14,205.00	\$15,361.10
Employer's SS Taxes	\$1,178.00	\$1,154.00	\$1,179.25	\$1,066.53	\$1,150.17
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$2,529.08	\$4,762.68	\$2,787.11
Utilities (Water/Sewer/Gas/Garbage)	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,850.06	\$2,572.30	\$2,081.35
Operating Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$760.23	\$596.35	\$1,074.06
Maint Fees (Snow Plowing & Shoveling)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,384.00	\$1,754.25	\$1,205.50
Security	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$539.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grange Parking Lot		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$46,783.00	\$49,434.00	\$40,995.53	\$46,618.59	\$43,032.74
STEWARDSHIP					
Stewardship Education	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$920.91	\$906.47	\$624.37
Offering Envelopes	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$665.41	\$490.03	\$1,964.41
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,586.32	\$1,396.50	\$2,588.78
SOCIAL MINISTRY					
Social Ministry	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$95.54	\$208.08	\$0.00
TOTAL SOCIAL MINISTRY	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$95.54	\$208.08	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$411.31	\$393.60	\$332.15
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$411.31	\$393.60	\$332.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$222,964.00	\$223,573.00	\$202,587.17	\$170,918.92	\$151,991.97
	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	52 Sundays	53 Sundays
Average Weekly Needed per Budget	\$4,287.77	\$4,299.48	\$4,096.94	\$4,413.40	\$4,181.47
Faith Commitment (Allegheny Synod)	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Note: Faith Commitment Increase is %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Note: Budget Increase (Decrease) is	-0.27%	4.94%	-7.17%	3.56%	2.50%

Serving God and Us Today

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Jacob Orczeck

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*United Lutheran Seminary*”

Monthly Schedule

December Worship Schedule—All On Facebook

Sunday Worship Livestream 9:30AM

Monday & Friday Christmas Carols with Dr. Smith

Tuesday & Thursday Morning & Evening Prayer at 9AM & 9PM

Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer at 7PM

December Study Schedule

Tuesday-Friday Kids’ Devotions Midmorning on Facebook

Thursday Advent Devotional Series at 7PM ON ZOOM

Christmas Eve, First Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Eve Pre-recorded Worship Available 7PM and after on
Facebook

No Night Prayer

1st Sunday Service of Lessons & Carols 9:30AM of Facebook

No Midweek Services from December 28 through January 1

Readings for the Week:

Monday (commemoration of John of the Cross, renewer of the church, 1591) Psalm 125. **Tuesday** Acts 3:17 — 4:4. **Wednesday** Mark 9:9-13. **Thursday** Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26. **Friday** Hebrews 1:5-14. **Saturday** John 7:40-52. **Fourth Sunday of Advent** (commemoration of Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, 1552) 2 Samuel 7:7-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

Reflection text: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw

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