

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS**

JANUARY 1, 2023

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8 am to 12 pm

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**BUT WHEN THE
FULLNESS OF THE**

TIME HAD COME,

God sent forth

His Son,

BORN OF A WOMAN,

BORN UNDER THE LAW

GALATIANS 4:4

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Eternal Father, strong to save, You gave Your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of my salvation. You made Your Son subject to the Law to shed His blood on my behalf. Grant me circumcision of the heart by Your Spirit that I may be made pure and in faith rejoice in the freedom achieved through Christ for me; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of

life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law—and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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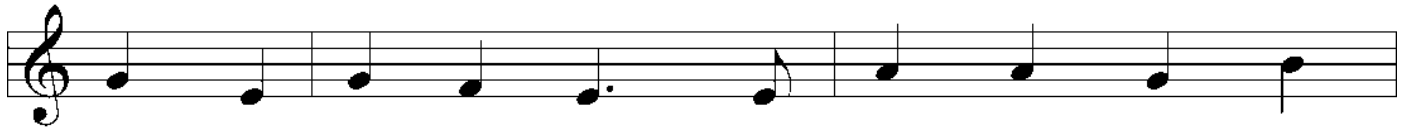
WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
 Δ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
 bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Galatians 3:24-26; 4:4-5

P Christ, our Savior is born!

C **O come, let us adore Him!**

P When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

C **O come, let us adore Him!**

P The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you

are all sons of God, through faith.

C O come, let us adore Him!

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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: v. 16*

P Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

C **Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.**

P Then I said, "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

C **I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."**

P Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on

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them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. 8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying:

"Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, 12 Who led them by the right hand of Moses, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, 13 who led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they might not stumble?"

14 As a beast goes down into the valley, and the Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest, so You lead Your people, to make Yourself a glorious name.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 111*

P Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

C The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

P His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

C He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

P He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

C He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

P The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure.

C They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

P He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

C The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

EPISTLE *Galatians 4:4-7*

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:13-23*

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

C Glory to You , O Lord.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in

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Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” 21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

SERMON

"The Fullness of Time"

(Galatians 4:4-7)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389; vs. 1,4,7



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

△7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
(Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

John 3:16, adapted; 16:33; Galatians 4:4-5, adapted

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-present God, You are Lord of our past, our present, and our future. We know that all we need for this body and life and all we would ever need for the peace of our souls in the forgiveness of

sins comes from You. For Your care in the past year and for Your gracious promises in this new year assured in Christ alone,

C we praise You, Lord.

P Ever-living God, we know that no matter the year or new beginnings, we are not strangers to Christ's words, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Be with the leaders of the nations, states, and local communities that wisdom be given for the justice and well-being of others. In times of tribulation, grant us Your peace. In times of trials, grant us a confident faith. In times of troubles, remind us of Your living presence and draw us to Your Word and Means of Grace. For the gifts of grace You supply for our every need each year and each day,

C we praise You, Lord.

P Ever-compassionate God, for those who have needs known to us, [including . . .], and for those whose needs of body and soul are known only to You, we lift them up in prayer and commend them to Your ever-present care. Through trials and tribulations, suffering and struggles, set them free from their burdens and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-gracious God, You so loved this world that You gave Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. In this continuing Christmas season and each day of this new year, continue to draw us to our Savior Jesus Christ, born for us, that we follow Him who would ultimately die for us, rising to victory and ascending to glory. As we do, equip and sustain us through Your Holy Spirit that we witness the truth of Your Word centered on our Savior to all whom You place in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All-knowing God, though You are not bound by the limits of time, we are as we remain in this world and recognize another year's passing and another new beginning. Yet in Your divine wisdom,

when the time was right, You sent Your Son into this world to be born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those under the Law that we be Your children, now and forever. Help us seek to live according to Your Law that we may remain faithful to Your truth according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may follow.

P In this new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

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; 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please sit

SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

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NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -

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to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

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1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Goetz will be leading the class.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Immanuel Lutheran School

Our students' first day of classes after Christmas break is Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

Please continue praying for the staff and students !

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Epiphany Circuit Pastors' Party

Friday, January 6th, 2023 in McAllen

GERMAN FEST

Saturday, January 21st, 2023

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: ***Genesis 1:1***

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

*The fear
of the Lord
is the beginning
of wisdom;
all who follow
his precepts
have good
understanding.
To him belongs
eternal praise.*

Psalm 111 : 10

God
 BLESS
 IN THE
 New Year
 You

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
 says the Lord, thoughts of peace
 and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11



12/21/2022	
Sunday Worship	21
Plate:	\$ 45.00
Envelopes:	\$ 113.00
Donations:	
Total:	\$ 158.00
Bible Class:	

12/24/2022	
Sunday Worship	83
Plate:	\$ 253.00
Envelopes:	\$ 493.00
Donations:	
Total:	\$ 746.00
Bible Class:	

The Lord Jesus Comes in the Flesh to Fulfill the Law for Us and Save Us from Our Sins

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God's promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. "He was called Jesus" (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when "he was circumcised" (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are "justified by faith" in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, "you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. "Baptized into Christ," you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

12/25/2022			<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>
Sunday Worship	49		<i>Readings:</i>
Plate:	\$	689.00	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>
Envelopes:	\$	1,483.00	<i>Psalms 29</i>
Donations:		\$ 10,463.00	<i>Romans 6:1-11</i>
	Total:	\$ 12,635.00	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>
Bible Class:	15	\$ 36.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
<i>January Sunday Servants</i>		
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am