

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Hark the Glad Sound

Haweis

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

The congregation may stand.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, vs. 1, 2 & 5 (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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

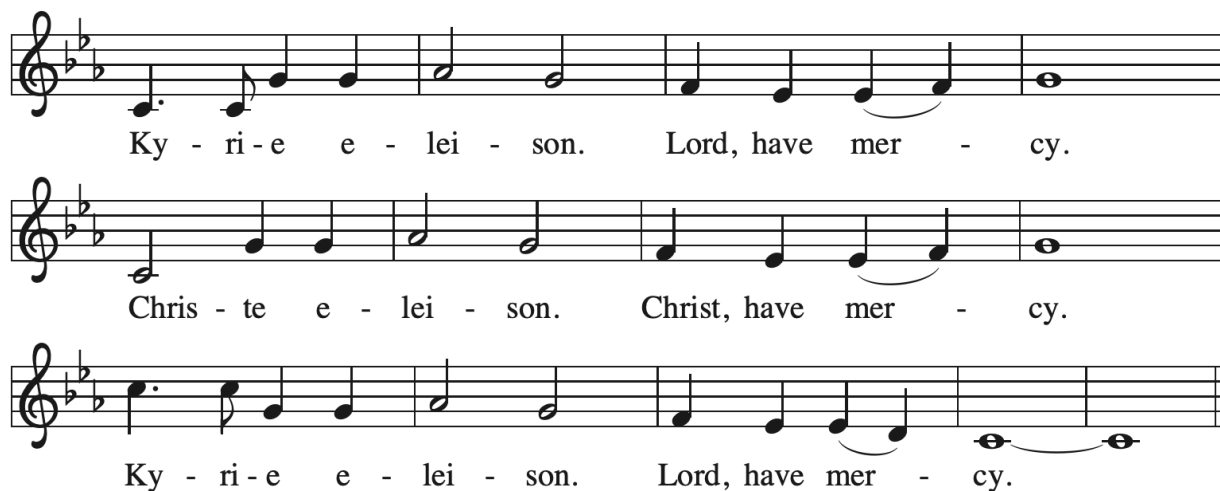
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA & WREATH LIGHTING

Sing verse 2 only



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ Word +

READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

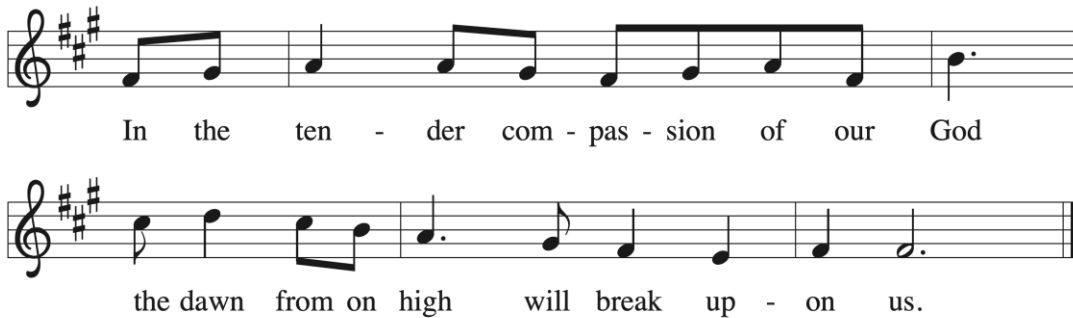
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation sings the refrain and the verses in bold.

Psalm Refrain



Luke 1:78

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Psalm Tone



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⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.
⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,**
born of the house of your | servant David.

Refrain

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of | all who hate us,
⁷² **to show mercy | to our forebears,**
and to remember your | holy covenant.
⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵ **holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

Refrain

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge | of salvation**
by the forgiveness | of their sins.
⁷⁸ In the tender compassion | of our God

the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of
 death,
 and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

Refrain

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
 and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

The congregation may be seated.
 Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The congregation may stand.
All Earth Is Hopeful (ELW 266)



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. You may assume a posture of prayer by sitting, standing or kneeling.

A brief silence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Your prayers are invited now, either silently or aloud. (*Pause for prayers.*) Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



Come to Us Lord Jesus

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OFFERTORY VERSE

The congregation may stand
We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957
Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

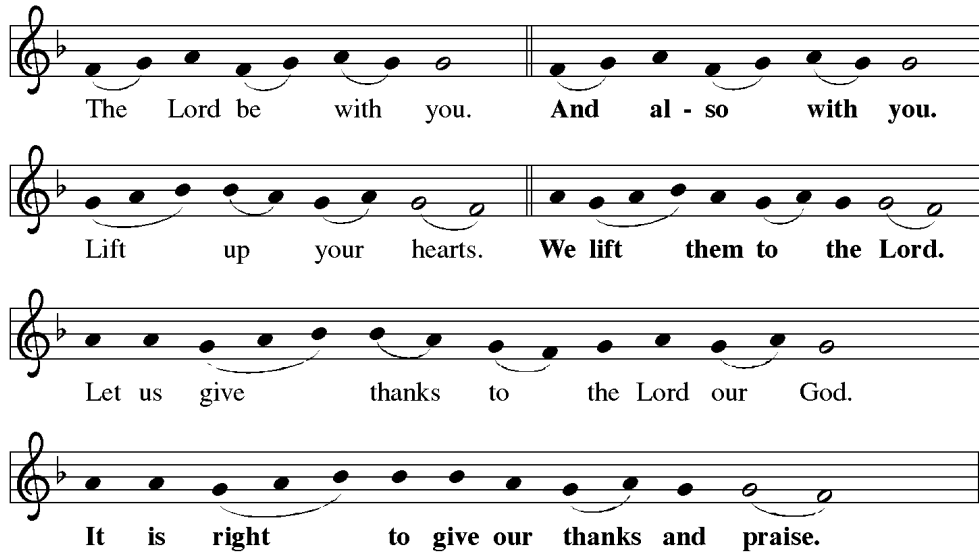
Creator God,

**you made the whole world, even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.**

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

**Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND PROPER PREFACE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

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

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

... Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

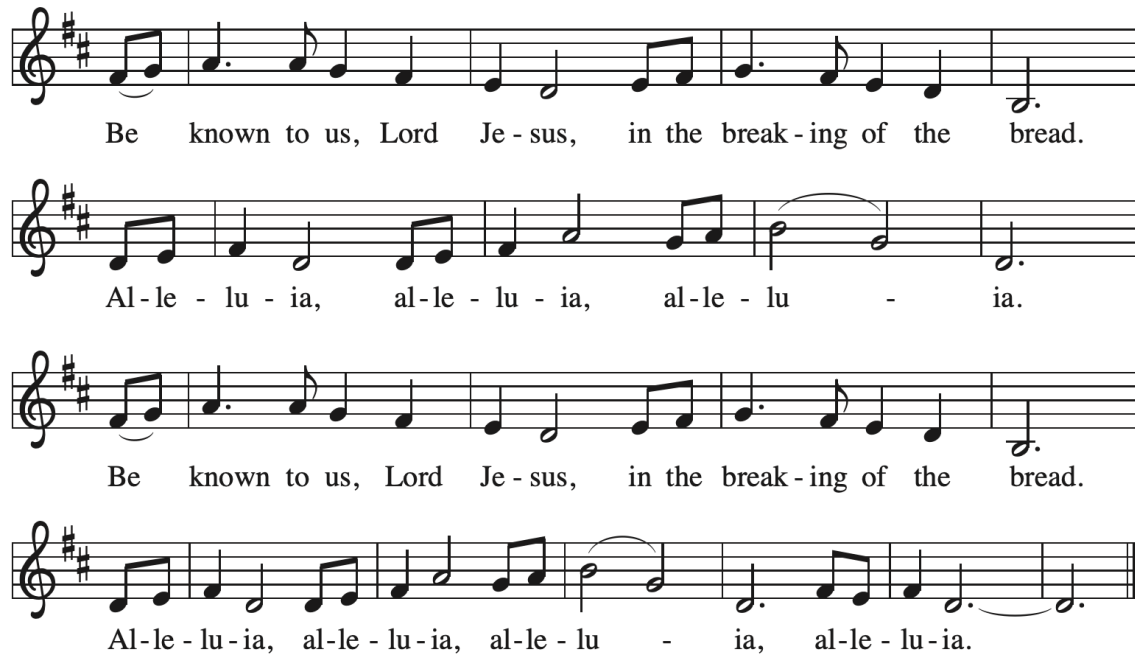
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION

The congregation may be seated.

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (ELW 241)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.

Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Generous God,

**we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.**

**We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.**

**We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.**

Amen.

+ Sending +

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Alex W. Linn
<i>Interim Director of Music:</i>	Leo Radosavljevic
<i>Director of Youth & Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Cantor:</i>	Angela De Venuto
<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	Alan Swanson
<i>Readers:</i>	Claire Radde, Jillian Radde
<i>Advent Candle Lighters:</i>	The Rasmussen Family
<i>Usher:</i>	John Hauser
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Ben Rasmussen, Jan Wendel
<i>Livestream Camera:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Church News

The Children's Christmas Pageant is next Sunday, December 15, during the 9:30 am worship. Come and see our youth present the story of Christ's birth!

Children's Church volunteers are needed for the following dates : Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, January 5.

Brasstacular Concert!

Come join us at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 15th to ring in the holiday season with this year's Christmas Brasstacular concert. The Lakeshore Brass Ensemble will spread holiday cheer, so reserve your seat today. Join us for hot chocolate and treats after the concert.

Tickets for this event are free. So bring your family and friends! For more information and tickets, you can go to the Eventbrite link located in your E-news.

Donations are welcome, and the suggested donation is \$20 for adults. This event is supported by the William C. Aylesworth Music Fund, and all donations will go to supporting the music program at St. John's as well as other concerts and community outreach events supported by the Music Ministry.

Forty Percent to Heaven Sent

Of the 66 pledge cards sent out, we have received almost a 40% response so far, for which we are grateful. As we continue into this season of giving, we look forward to getting the rest of the commitments so that our 2025 congregational budget can be finalized. If you have any questions or want to speak privately about the role your commitment plays in the many ways St. John's can continue to serve your spiritual and fellowship needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of Council. Together, we are an amazing congregation dedicated to serving and supporting one another and our community in the name of Jesus Christ. Because LOVE IS HERE.

Holy Family Christmas Giving Tree

Holy Family is again asking if we would participate in their gift program for the children. **The gifts have already been purchased** so if you are interested in supporting the students in this manner, please send a check to church for \$25 or multiples of \$25. Make the checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and in the memo please put "**HFM Gift**". *You may also support this project on our website for \$26 (this includes a \$1 processing charge).* Deadline for the collection is **December 15**. Our goal this year is 30 donations. The Holy Family *Christmas Giving Tree* program has been a part of St John's for many years, and we don't want to miss blessing the boys and girls of Holy Family at this joyous holiday season. Thank you so much.

St. John's Financial Update

Year to date as of November 30th, we are doing better than budget and we have a surplus of \$24,463. Why? We have spent less than expected on our pastor, music director, and musician expenses. We do expect to use our entire musician budget by year end.

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Offerings	193,243	186,059
Other Revenue/Rent	<u>98,411</u>	<u>77,513</u>
Total Revenue	291,654	263,572
Total Expenses	<u>267,191</u>	<u>282,286</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	24,463	(18,713)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Marlene Leonard, recovering from throat cancer, 9/25/24
- Friend and business partner of Mylene Pollock, who lives in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and everyone who has been affected by the hurricane
- Art Wise, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Family and friends of Rena Leinberger, wife of Karl and mother of Shayna, Brandon and Jordon, who passed away 4/26/24
- Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who passed away 3/6/24
- Buckley Crist
- Family & friends of Don Clay, who passed away 3/15/24
- Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who passed away 1/13/24
- Family & friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Braun, recovering from spinal cord injury

**COMING UP THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON AS TOGETHER
WE WATCH AND WAIT FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD.
+ A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE +**

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22
ADVENT WORSHIP - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS BRASSTACULAR
LAKESHORE BRASS CONCERT - 1:30 PM
HOT CHOCOLATE & CHRISTMAS TREATS FOLLOWING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - 5 PM & 9 PM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
WORSHIP - 9:30 AM