## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## First Sunday in Advent Dec 1, 2024

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#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### + GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

**ELW 244** 

#### Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is the eve-ning is near. ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias forth as he clear. go shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is more. rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



bride-groom is a - ris - ing and The soon is draw-ing nigh. The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand. A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be hold; With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P:** God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

**P:** God in our midst,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

**P:** A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

#### Amen.

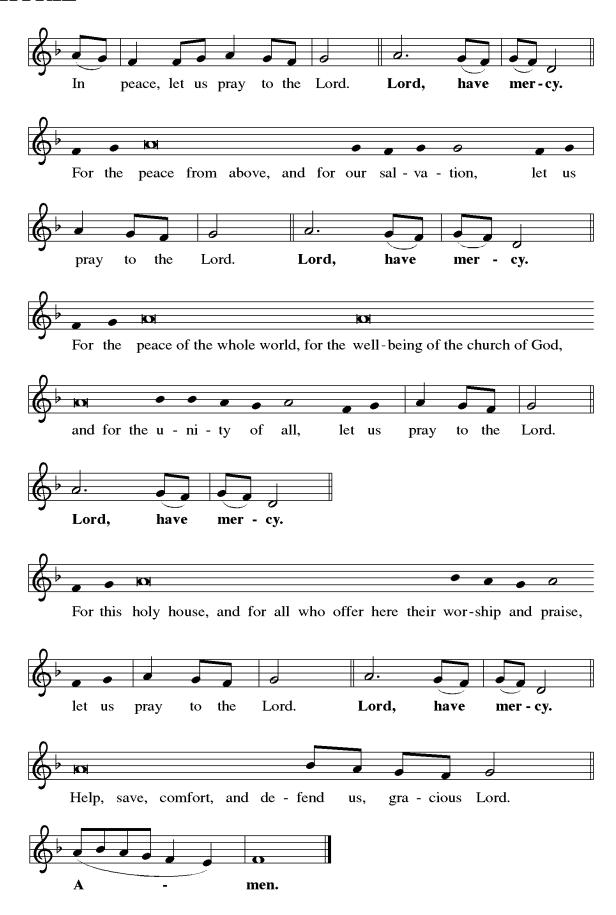
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#### **GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

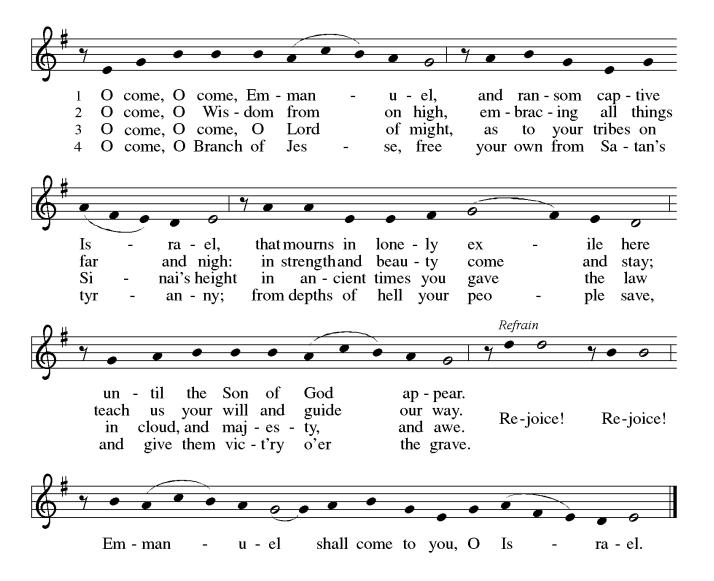
#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen



## As the first candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 257 (vs 1)

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



#### + THE WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your <sup>1</sup> truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

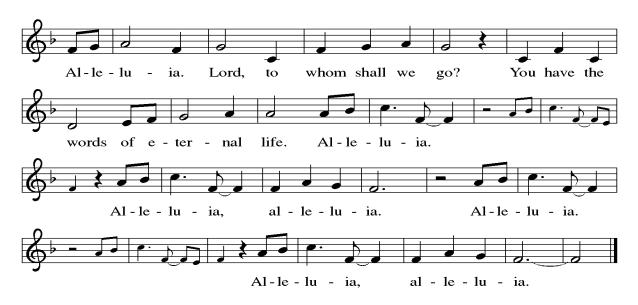
<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Word of God. Word of Life.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SERMON** 

Pastor Teresa McNamara

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### **ELW 436**

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





on the heights are cry - ing; heart with joy is spring-ing. an - gels sing be - fore you, a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom. with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.





thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: grace, in truth vic - to - rious: bliss be - yond all dream - ing, "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past. her star is ris'n; her light is come. with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; Now come, O Bless - ed One, No eye has caught the light, your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
no ear the thun-d'ring might

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (for Advent)

I believe in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God – the source of all light and life.

I believe that God sent Jesus Christ, as the Word Incarnate, into this World so that all might be bathed in his light and know the true source of life. On the witness of the disciples, I believe that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried – then brought back to life that we might also have new life in him.

I believe the Word of God still speaks today to those who have ears and hearts to listen.

I believe, with the power of the Holy Spirit, that my life can be a witness to God's living presence and grace. Amen

(Please be seated)

#### + RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Lord, in your mercy,)

C: receive our prayer.

#### **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

#### "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

#### **OFFERING:**

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

#### **OFFERTORY**

## Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here. some-one needs you, Lord, come by here. send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

O Lord, come by here.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**A:** 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.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right......we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* 

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

(Please stand as you are able)

#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

**A:** Faithful God, 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.

C: Amen.

#### + SENDING +

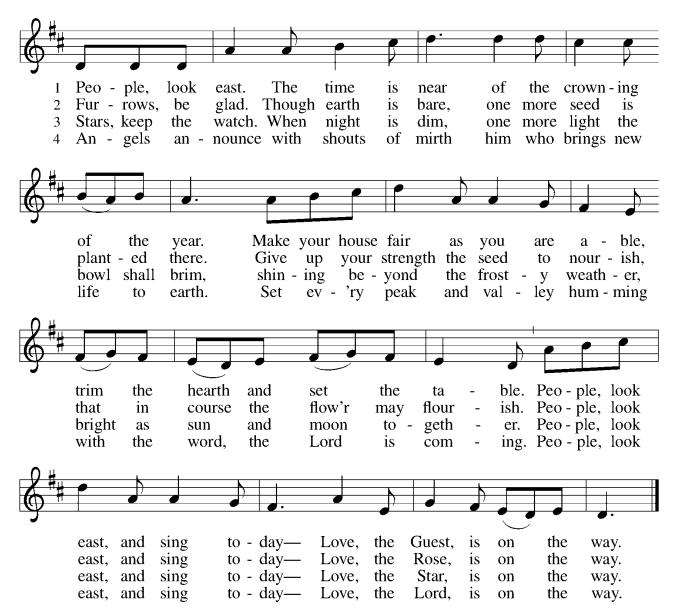
#### \*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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.** 

#### \*SENDING HYMN

#### **ELW 248**





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#### \*DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Nov's Income: \$18,668 Average Attendance: 29

**Nov's Expense: \$15,545** 

**Altar flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our son, Kevin and father, Roy Crowthers by Bill and Cyndi Kline.

## MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

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Scheduled to serve 12/	Scheduled to serve 12/8
Meghan G. – Assisting I	Minister Kathy D. – Assisting Minister
	Tony H. – Psalm Reader
Gary P. – Usher	Alan S./Alan D Ushers
Pysher/Devine - Counte	ers Greg C Counter
Kathy D Altar	Kathy D Altar
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Mon, Dec 2	10:00am – Hanging of the Greens
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tues, Dec 3	8:00pm – NA (Hall)
Wed, Dec 4	7:30pm – AA (Hall)
Thu, Dec 5	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
	7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Dec 7	9:00am – Santa Breakfast
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
	12:30am – Mtg Rm Rental
Sun, Dec 8	10:15am–Worship
	12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm – Hall Rental

<u>ALTAR</u> – We are in need of volunteers for January to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*\*

## **Healing:**

Mike Longo

Rob Hahn

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Judy McGrane

Linda & Jim Martin

Scott Smith

Danielle Greeno

Lois Saunders

Cliff Kellett

Cyndi Kline

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

Ann Ferguson

Pete Kanz

Ed Shoup

Jean Cilurso

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Geralyn Gerakaris

Kathy Shoup

Lynn McGrane

Kelly Conaghan

Alan McCarrick

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Dec., please call the office).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Bob Kerns, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> – Due to the closing of our current florist, we had to find another florist. The new florist will be charging \$20.00 per vase starting Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Barb Saporetti.

**COFFEE CANS** are needed so that we have something to send flowers home in. Please place on table outside the worship area. Thank you!

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Each year during the Advent season we decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Eve. Just like you decorate your home, we need help to get ready for Jesus here also. We need help to put up the tree, decorate the tree, hang the lights and roping and wreaths on the doors. There are bows to tie and candles to prepare for the Candlelight Service. This year we will meet on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am



The **Bears** are at the church to be dressed for the kids at CAADC and the Fair Acres residents. The deadline to have them back is **Wednesday**, **December 4**.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS – Orders will start Dec 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

<u>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</u> – Saturday, Dec. 7th, 9:00am – 12:00noon. A great way to spend your morning with your children or grandchildren.

<u>PRE-K CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</u> – We will have our annual Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, Dec 11th, at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

We will also perform the pageant during Worship Service on **Sunday**, **Dec. 15**<sup>th</sup>. Come out and see these youngsters portray the nativity and sing Christmas carols.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.



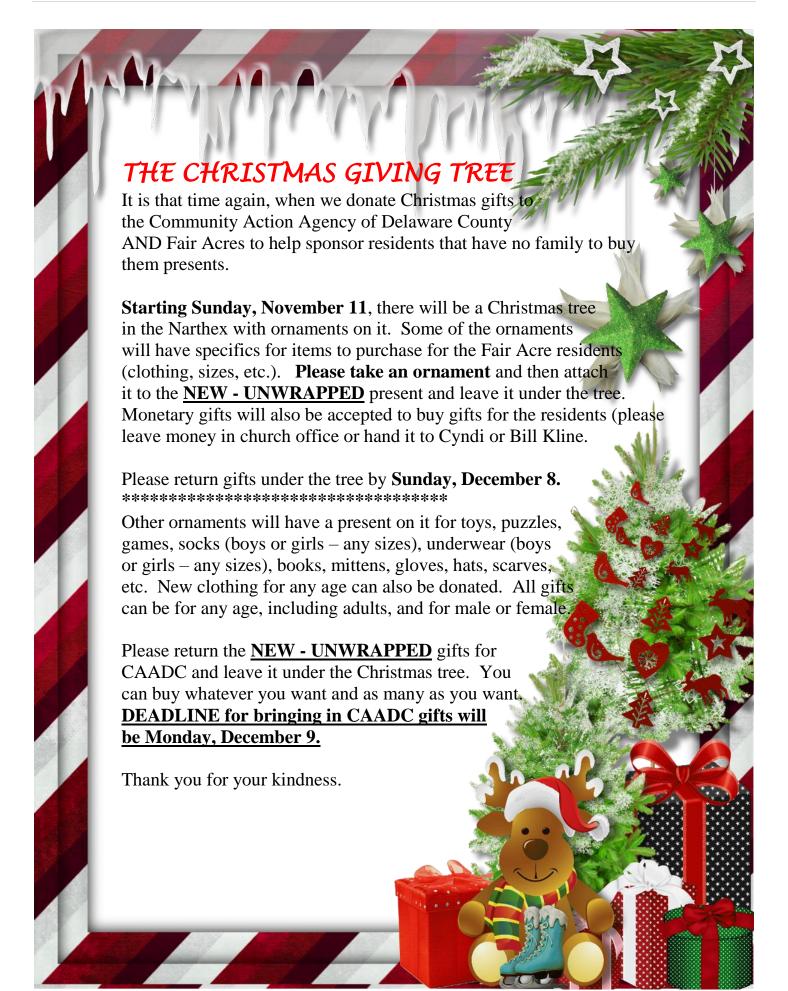
## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:30 PM -COMMUNION SERVICE 7:00 PM -COMMUNION SERVICE (Facebook)

> SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH LESSONS AND CAROLS

#### **DELCO Conference Events**

- **Dec 7** Breakfast with Santa at Holy Spirit, Secane. The event includes meeting with Santa, making a children's craft and a breakfast bar. There are 2 different seating times and reservations are required. All are invited.
- **Dec 7** Christmas Bazaar at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood from 9am 2pm. Christmas crafts, cookie walk, Soup, Bake and Stromboli sale. Katie's attic and Santa!. Lunch available for purchase.
- Dec 12 CeaseFirePA Vigil at Reformation, Media at 7pm.
- **Dec 18 -** Christ Episcopal Church, Ridley Park. The Blue Christmas, a Service of Hope for the Holidays, pays attention to the special needs of people who are "blue", sad or in pain at this holiday time.



# **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church invites you to:**



Seatings are 9:00 - 10:15 am and 10:45 am - 12:00 pm \$8 adults \$5.00 kids (children 2 and under are free)

Meet Santa, make a Christmas craft and enjoy delicious food from the Breakfast Bar

Reservations are a must. Please email holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com to make your reservations. Let us know which seating time you would like and state how many adults and how many children will attend.



#### **OUR STAFF**

#### Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor – Rev. Teresa McNamara Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson Office Secretary – Jeanne Warner

## Holy Spirit Nursery School

Pre-K Teacher – Nancy Harris
Teaching Assistant – Colleen Hall
Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila
Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin

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