

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***First Sunday of Advent
Nov 30, 2025***

***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
And Nursery School
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We thank Meghan Gordon for leading us today.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 438

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own
righteousness. ✙ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

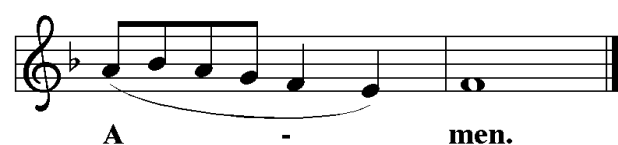
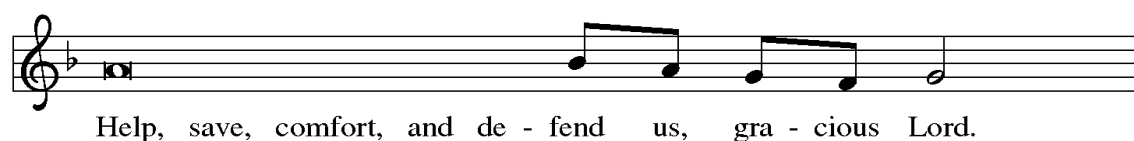
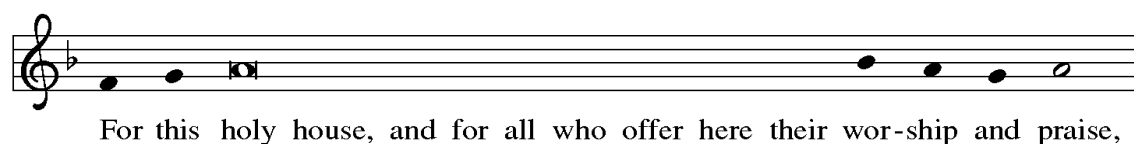
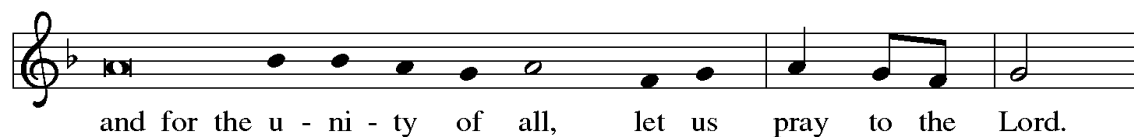
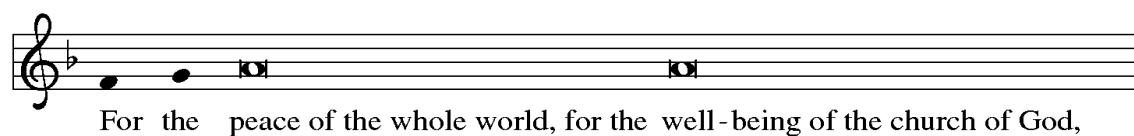
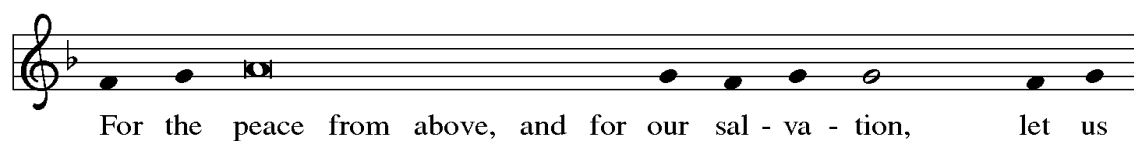
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GREETING

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, 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**

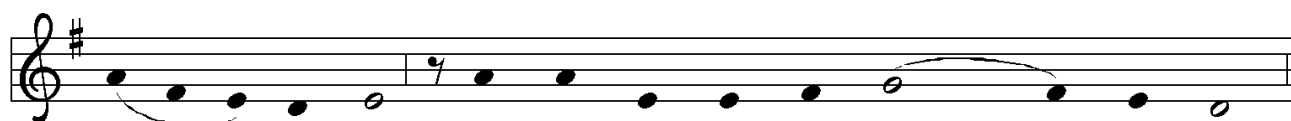


As the first candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 257 (vs 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

ELW 253

He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

(Please stand, as you are able)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Meghan Gordon

Turn On. Tune In. Wake Up!

In the 1960's people were urged to turn on, tune in, and drop out—to leave the material world behind in favor of an alternate reality. In today's gospel, Jesus also urges us to tune into an alternative to the material world, one he called the coming of the Son of Man. In Jesus' person, the dominion of God comes into the world, and the risen Christ continues to give us abundant signs of its presence. Jesus commands his followers not to drop out of the world, but to be on the lookout for him in it.

Christians await the second coming of Christ, the *parousia*, when we believe we will experience God's reign in its fullness. In the meantime, we live, in the words of some theologians, “already, but not yet.” We look for glimpses of the dominion in the here and now. The season of Advent, and today's readings, are designed to help turn us on to the excitement and

anticipation of God's reign in our lives and tune in to the infinite opportunities we have to participate in it. In other words, they want to wake us up!

St. Paul exhorts us in today's second reading to lead lives of faithful obedience until the final day. He also challenges us to participate in God's dominion in the here and now, calling us to wake from sleep, to "put on Christ." Eyes wide open and wrapped in Christ, we are called to a new day. Isaiah describes his own vision: gathered by God, learning and teaching God's ways, walking in God's paths, beating swords into ploughshares and spears to pruning hooks. Wide-awake, active, and ready for encounters with Jesus, we may find God's dominion when and where we least expect it.

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



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



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

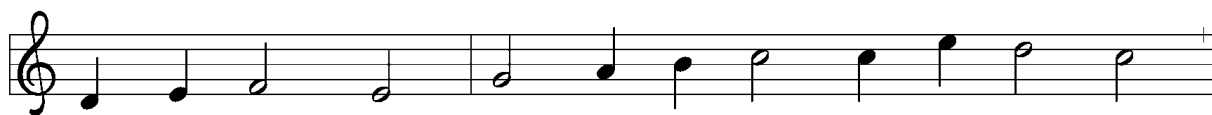
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thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



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



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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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: God of Grace

C: hear 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: Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,

your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.

All that has life and breath praises your name.

For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

P: You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.
For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

P: Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word,
that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption,
and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world.
For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.
We entreat you, O God.

P: Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

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.**

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

May God who comes among us, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to
share today and always.

Amen.

SENDING 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'ring's bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and 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!

DISMISSAL*A:** Go in peace. Keep awake.**C:** Thanks be to God.**Oct's Income: \$ 8,345****Average Attendance: 22****Oct's Expense: \$ 6,701**

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Catherine Hamford by Ed Shoup.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve 11/30***Meghan Gordon – Leader**Colahans – Ushers**Colahans – Counters**Barb S. – Altar***Scheduled to serve 12/7***Alan S. – Assisting Minister**Gary P. - Usher**Gary P./Ed S. - Counters**Kathy D. - Altar********WEEKLY CALENDAR*********Mon, Dec 1****10:00am – Hanging of the Greens****6:30pm – G/S (Mtg Rm)****Wed, Dec 3****7:30pm – AA (Hall)****Thu, Dec 4****7:00pm – AA (Hall)****7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)****Sat, Dec 6****9:00am – Santa Breakfast (Hall)****11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)****6:00pm – Hall Rental****Sun, Dec 7****10:15am – Worship****12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)**

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Annie Berner
 Eileen Maloney
 Lisa McDonough
 Hugh Mullarkey
 Lois Saunders
 Betty Lake
 Anne Rainsford
 Dolores Maurer
 Isabella Jones
 JoAnn Williams
 Joan & Harry Chaykun
 Nikki Miller
 Geralyn Gerakaris

Jackie Bernduer White
 Jackie Dewitt
 Maureen Colahan
 John Turner
 Lynn McGrane
 Jamal MacDonald
 Jean Cilurso
 Phyllis Horton
 Lou Vallies
 Linda Martin
 Bill McVian
 Suzie Thomas
 Harry Collins

(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, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, and Bob Kerns.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NURSERY SCHOOL COIN HARVEST Once again this year, the Nursery School will be doing a "Coin Harvest" during the month of November. This year we would like to invite the Holy Spirit congregation to join us in our coin collection. During the month of November, there will be a container marked "Coin Harvest" in the hallway. Please consider helping us by bringing some extra change each week to donate! All proceeds will be donated to help feed the homeless.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS – Orders will start **Nov 30th thru Dec 14th**.
Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.



The **Bears** are coming again to the church to be dressed for the kids at CAADC and the Fair Acres Dementia residents. We do not have an arrival date yet, but we will let you know when they can be picked up. The deadline to have them back will be Monday, **December 3rd**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – **Saturday, Dec. 6th, 9:00am – 12:00noon**. A great way to spend your morning with your children or grandchildren.

Delco Conference Events

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at Grace Lutheran in Drexel Hill is inviting women of the DELCO Conference to join together.

If interested please email gracelutherandh@gmail.com

Grief Support Group, 2nd & 4th Wed, 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church,
Broomall

For more info, call the office or check out the bulletin board outside of
office

It is almost time for our annual Breakfast with Santa event (December 6th) and we are asking the congregation for some assistance.

With the significant rise in the cost of food we are having trouble purchasing everything we need to provide a quality breakfast. We are hoping that members of the congregation will be willing to donate some of the items needed.

We have put a list of some of the items needed on the table in the front hall and ask that you please sign up to provide items for the breakfast. All donations need to be at the church by Monday December 1st.

If you prefer to donate cash and let us do the shopping, please see Bill or Cyndi Kline.

Thank you very much for your willingness to help.



Breakfast with Santa

Sat., December 6, 2025

Seatings are: 9:00 – 10:15 am 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

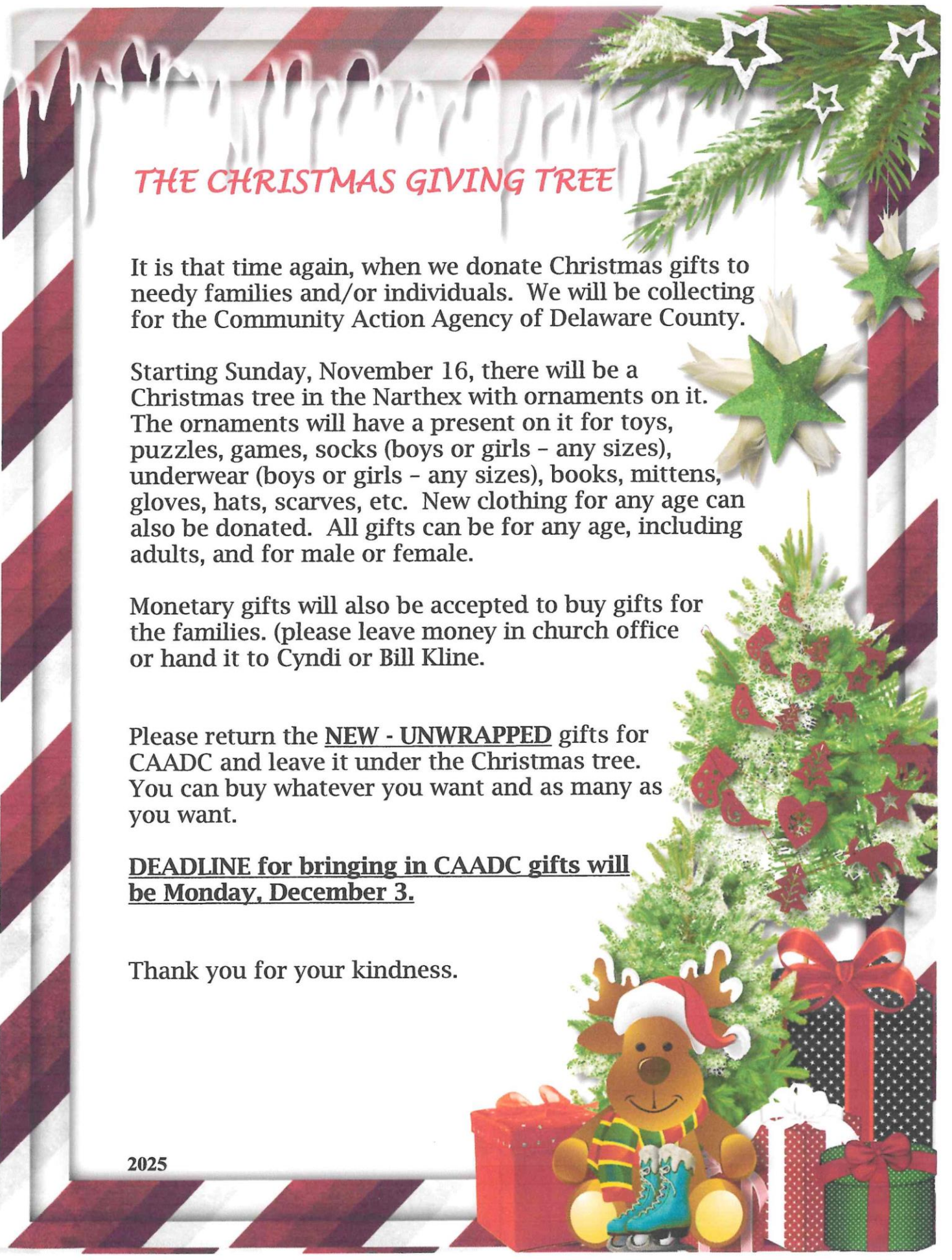
\$8 adults

\$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.**



THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to needy families and/or individuals. We will be collecting for the Community Action Agency of Delaware County.

Starting Sunday, November 16, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex with ornaments on it. The ornaments will have a present on it for toys, puzzles, games, socks (boys or girls - any sizes), underwear (boys or girls - any sizes), books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. New clothing for any age can also be donated. All gifts can be for any age, including adults, and for male or female.

Monetary gifts will also be accepted to buy gifts for the families. (please leave money in church office or hand it to Cyndi or Bill Kline.

Please return the NEW - UNWRAPPED gifts for CAADC and leave it under the Christmas tree. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want.

DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Monday, December 3.

Thank you for your kindness.



OUR STAFF

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson

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Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila

Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin

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