



THE VINE & BRANCHES

12 DECEMBER 2021

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“Therefore say to them, Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.”

Zechariah 1:3

“WELCOME!” TO OUR VISITORS

As brothers and sisters in Christ, the members of St. John’s appreciate having you join us for the Divine Service this morning. We offer to you our sincere greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please, if you have not done so already, take a moment to sign our guest registry located at the back of the sanctuary. We give thanks to God for having this time of worship together this morning and ask that you come back soon and visit us again. God richly bless your time with us today.

HOUSEKEEPING

Remember to consume coffee, drinks, and food in the fellowship hall— not in the sanctuary during the Divine Service. Also, don’t use the hymnal racks as trash receptacles. Thank you very much!

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS

As God’s people, we are extremely blessed that God calls us through His Word and Sacraments in His Church. He does not, however, promise to reach us directly via our cell phones and other electronic devices during the service. *Please be so kind as to take time to make sure yours is **turned off** before the start of the Divine Service.*

ASSISTING THIS MONTH

Head Elder	Dale Johnson
Ushers	Tom Andersen Bob McBride
Acolyte	Tommy Markussen
Alt. Acolyte	John Stanley
Altar Guild	Misty Richards Julie Hughes Laura Stanley Amy Stanley Lauryn Stanley
Fellowship	Misty Richards
Greeters	Dec. 5, Nadene Korth Dec. 12, Lee & Kathy Sheldon Dec. 19, Curt & Val Wood Dec. 24, Sharon Kelly Dec. 25, Sharon Kelly Dec. 26, Dickmander Family Dec. 31, Sharon Kelly

MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Tom Andersen	Don Lehl
Diana Armknecht	Laura Stanley
LeeAnn Hinrichs	Tom Spahn
Vareena Kasten	Jean Tjaden
Chick Kampfe	Roger Triplette

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR...

Heather Adams	Rev. Kasten
Chris Cleland	Suzanne Lassiter
Donnie Dethlefs	Sheila Mahnken
Carol Dickmander	'Buck' Markussen
China Dixon	Judy Markussen
Jessamine Gonzales	Chris Markussen
Shirley Gooder	Sheri McAllister

Clarice Haan	Angela Perdue
Lois Hansen	Annette Samuelson
Bob Mercer	Alma Schultz
Gayle Mercer	Barry Simmons
Ken Moorhead	Bonnie Suhr
Nettie Nordhausen	Cody Stickley
Martin Nelson	Ashley Shinkle
Jill Saults	Jean Marie Timm
Rev. Snow	David 'Ryan' Zingg
	Noah Holm

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY

Old Testament	Dt. 18:15-19
Epistle.....	Phil. 4:4-7
Holy Gospel	Jn. 1:19-28

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Dec. 12	Is 29:1-14 Jude 1-25
Dec. 13	Is 29:15-30:14 Rev 1:1-19
Dec. 14	Is 30:15-26 Rev 2:1-29
Dec. 15	Is 30:27-31:9 Rev 3:1-22
Dec. 16	Is 32:1-20 Rev 4:1-11
Dec. 17	Is 33:1-24 Rev 5:1-14
Dec. 18	Is 34:1-2, 8-35:10 <i>Mic 1:1-7:20</i> Rev 6:1-17

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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ISSUES, ETC.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... "Savior of the Nations Come," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to your favorite Advent hymns 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard each Sunday morning on KOGA (930 AM) beginning at 8:05 a.m., and every Sunday afternoon on KJLT (970 AM) starting at 2:00 p.m. Next Sunday, Dec. 19, speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Zeigler gives the message entitled, "**Charlie Brown Christmas Tree**"

The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. (Luke 2:1-15)

*LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE IMPLORE YOU TO
HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND TO LIGHTEN THE
DARKNESS OF OUR HEARTS BY YOUR GRACIOUS
VISITATION; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH
THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER. AMEN.*



THE WEEKLY PLANNER

Today	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Instruction Class
T	7:00 a.m.	Devotions
W	5:00 p.m.	Youth Instruction
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Midweek Service
Th	7:00 a.m.	Devotions
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Instruction Class

THE GREEN STEM -- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to those who donated cookies for the ‘Cheer Plates’ and to our youth and parents for taking the time to assemble and deliver them. Your labor of love is very much appreciated.

December church calendars and copies of the *Lutheran Witness* are available on the table across from the ushers station this morning. Please note on the calendar the times and opportunities for worship during the Christmas season.

As was mentioned after the Divine Service last Sunday, Pastor will begin serving the vacancy at Trinity on January 1, 2022, upon Pastor Pick’s retirement. Your input for scheduling a time to gather for Bible Study during the week would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts with one of the elders or Pastor Dickmander. Thank you.

Sunday School and Fellowship offerings will be used this year to support Rev. & Mrs. Herb Burch and Deaconess Sandra Rein. Information on them has been posted over by the kitchen window.

Do you have any updates to the prayer list or need an announcement placed in the GreenSheet? Please take a moment to write it on the notebook located outside of Pastor’s Study. Thank you.