

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2010
Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

How Lovely Shines the Morningstar
From *The Miscellaneous Chorales*

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

Lo, In the Time Appointed

Healey Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon the throne of David shall he reign forever. Alleluya.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory “Regent Square”

ELW 275

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

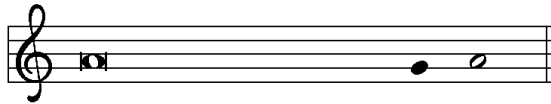
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Word made flesh, born of Mary,

be with you all.

And also with you.

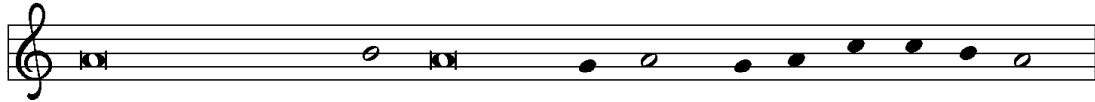
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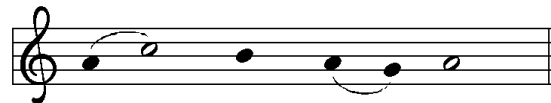
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



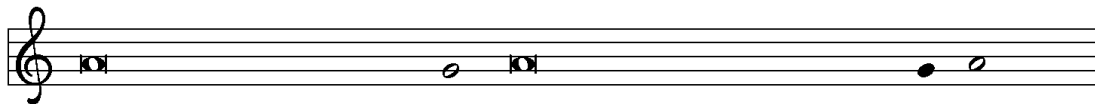
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



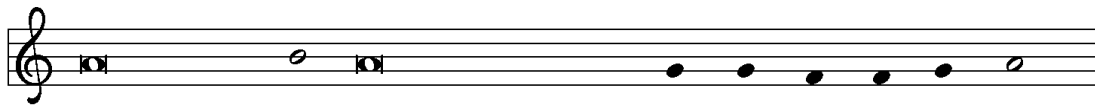
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



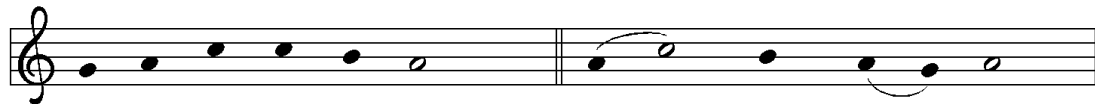
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN (10:30)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

MOTET (10:30)*Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

French Carol, arranged by John Miller

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, to the cradle run. It is Jesus, good folk of the village; Christ is born and Mary's calling. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the mother. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is her Son.

It is wrong, when the Infant is sleeping: it is wrong to speak so loud. Silence, as you gather to see Him, lest you awaken little Jesus. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the mother. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Child.

Softly to the stable for a moment come. Look and see Jesus bright, His cheeks so rosy. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the mother. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Child and His mother. Oh it is Jesus; so come, adore Him. Ah! Beautiful is the mother. Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Child.

Holly Holdaway, soprano

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

The holy gospel according to Saint John



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

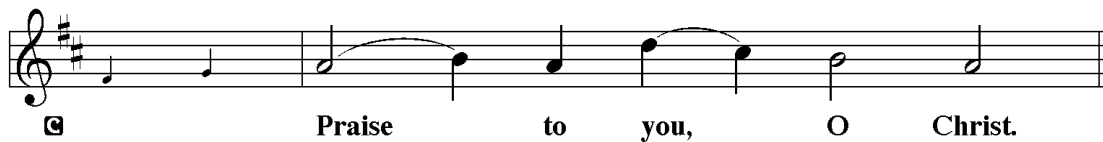
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

“Wie Schön Leuchtet”

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CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Blessed by the light of Christ incarnate, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God revealed in the Word, send your Holy Spirit into the church to enlighten and sustain every leader, member and seeker. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace upon grace, continue your creative work in the world and lighten our path to nourish and protect your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God the true light, shine your peace where there is war, conflict, and hatred. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of rebirth, send the warmth of your healing comfort to all in need (*especially*). Wrap each one in your embrace of true hope and light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light for all people, hear the prayers of the people gathered in this place. Bless this congregation and its witness to your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace and truth, bring comfort to those who grieve. May your presence and promise be light to all who mourn the death of loved ones (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

O Beatum et Sacrosanctum Diem

Peter Philips

O blessed and most holy day on which Our Lord deigned to be born of the Virgin Mary for our sake. Let the whole world therefore rejoice; and let us sing to Him to the sound of the trumpet, strings, the harp and the organ. Let us rejoice with the numerous hosts of angels ceaselessly singing His praise. Nowell, Alleluia.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

Merciful God,

**it would have been enough for you to give us
the fruit of the earth by which we live.**

**But in this meal, by your promise,
you also give us your self.**

**Use what we have gathered here
in feeding the hungry world with your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

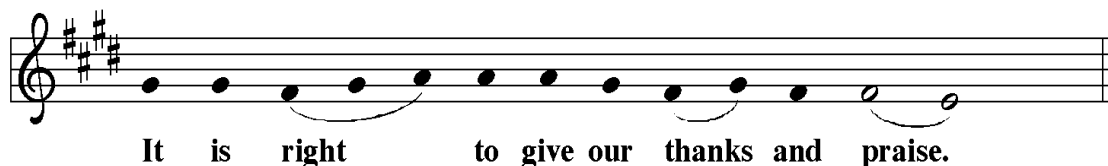
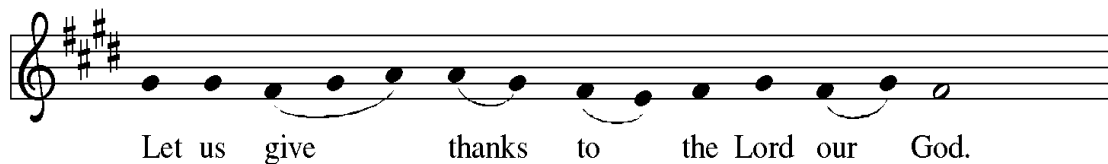
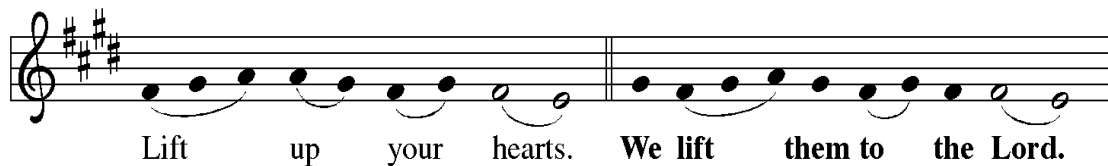
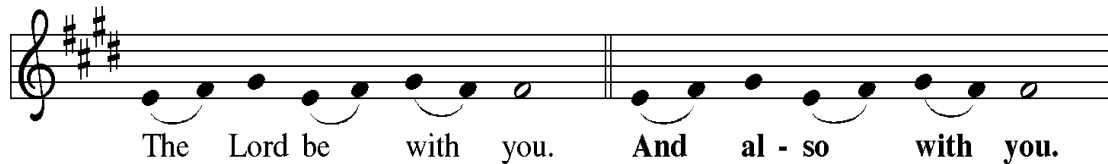
OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

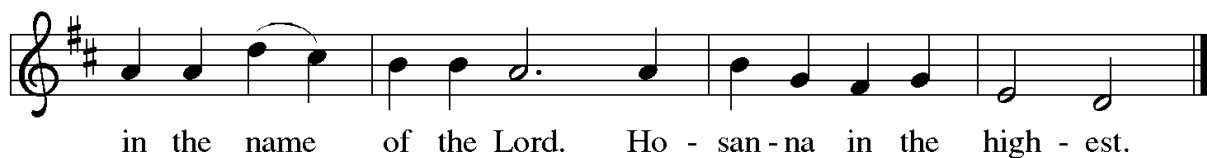
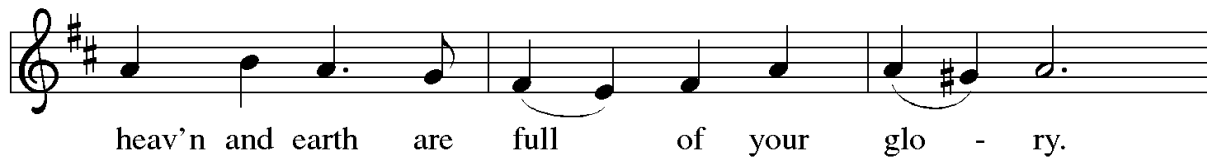
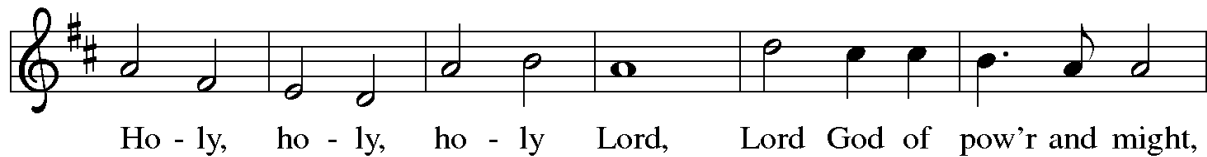
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; you comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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 for the 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre

Light, warm and heavy as pure gold and the angels sing softly to the newborn baby.

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**BLESSING**

May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace,
guide your days and years in righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World "Antioch"

ELW 267

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, Awake, A Voice Is Calling
from the *Schuebler Chorales*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Communion Statement

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Non-communing adults and children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. For those who are allergic to wheat, you may receive gluten-free wafers from the Pastor.

**PLEASE, TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS
DURING WORSHIP. THANK YOU.**

<i>HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP</i>

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The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang
 The Rev. John A. Buerk
 The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i>

SUNDAY, January 3, 2010 – Second Sunday of Christmas

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:00 Noon Confirmation Lunch (RH)

TUESDAY, January 5, 2010

- 4:30 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
- 5:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. Healing Together (CR)

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 12:00 Noon Trinity Lunch Bunch
- 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)

THURSDAY, January 7, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA (RH)

SATURDAY, January 9, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Habitat Work Group

SUNDAY, January 10, 2010 – Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:00 Noon CPR Training w/lunch
- 12:00 Noon De-greening of the church w/lunch

CH = Mansperger Chapel
 FR = Fellowship Room
 MR = Music Room
 SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
 FI = Fireside Room/Library
 PS = Pastor's Study
 SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
 MC = Main Church
 RH = Redeemer Hall
 YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will start the new year on Monday January 11, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education will be taking a break for the holidays, but will resume next week with developer Rocco Termini, who has completed several successful downtown projects and has recently announced plans for the former AM&A's flagship store on Main Street as well as the Lafayette Hotel. On Sunday, January 17th, Committee chairs will present their reports during the adult education.

Yoga will break for a few weeks and resume on Tuesday, January 19. An offering of \$5 is suggested. Please see Uli MacDonald for more information.

The de-greening of the church will take place next Sunday, January 10 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch will be served and all are welcome to stay and help.

“Worship to go” are looking for volunteers to join them once a month to local health care facilities on Sunday afternoons. They are in need of musicians and those who would like to help with the service. The first Sunday of the month they go to Tonawanda Manor at 2:00 p.m. The second Sunday of the month they are at Wedgewood at 2:30 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of the month they are at Winwood on Delaware at 2:00 p.m. Please call Sister Donna if you are able to help.

On Sunday, January 24th, the Church Council we be sponsoring the Budget and Endowment presentation during a luncheon, following the 10:30 service, in Redeemer Hall. Soups, bread, desserts and refreshments will be provided. In past years, this event was held during the adult education session. That WILL NOT be the case this year.

On Sunday, February 14th, our Annual Congregational meeting will be held at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

The Lenten Booklet will be coming up fast. The plan this year is to submit in writing, a family occasion that you can recall as particularly spiritually moving and a recipe from your family. We will canvas the Sunday School children, the Confirmation Class and the entire adult congregation. Drawings will also be acceptable if you have one to share. Please submit your entries via email to gcamilleri@kenton.k12.ny.us or written and handed in the offering plate. We will be accepting your entries until February 15th. Please call Gail Camilleri at 695-8764 if you should have a question.



At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Sarah Battaglia. The lay reader is Stephen Ames. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is George Laub. Greeters are Susan Lask and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Paul Bauchle, Richard Bundt, Tony Glieco, Melissa Haller, Timothy Hess, Cliff Lochhaas, Paul Nikischer, Sue Saur and Gerard Schneggenburger. Communion Assistants are James Dunnigan, Millie Nikischer, Andrew Bauer and Emily Kaufmann. Worship assistants are Andrew Bauer and Emily Kaufmann, crucifers; Stefan Reboy, John Chen Brett, Abigail Hunt, Joshua Reboy and Dana Nostro. The Cantor is Mary Kay Atlas.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Joseph and Anna Bauer by Julie Bauer and Family.

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