

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus "grew and became strong" (Luke 2:40); He "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might "have redemption through his blood" (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up "to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover" (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father's house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in "the word of truth, the gospel," by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain "an understanding mind" to go about our vocations, discerning "between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand "before the ark of the covenant of the Lord" (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sunday, January 12th at 9:15am in Oswald Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on January 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday, January 7th at 7am.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday, January 7th at 9am, and is studying Psalm 46.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Isaiah. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on Thursday, January 9th at 9:30am and will continue taking a longer look at the readings for the upcoming weekend.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through a study of Nehemiah.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our first quarter Special Missions offering will support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). Through your generous gifts, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF is in more than 90 countries and has publications in 145 different languages so that pastors, teachers, missionaries, and more are able to get the Good News into the hands of people.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: As part of a community service project preschool students will be collecting new teddy bears to donate to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. This will take place during the month of January! As many toys and teddy bears are on sale now during the Christmas season, we are letting you know if you would also like to donate teddy bears to this wonderful cause! For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

CHURCH INFORMATION

POINSETTIAS: Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate the church this Christmas! You are welcome to take your plants home at your earliest convenience. The list of orders is available on the bulletin board.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2025 Offering Envelopes are now available in your cubby. For households with more than 2 giving members, your envelopes are located above the mailboxes.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The next quarter of Portals of Prayer, Hopeful Living, and other devotions are now available for you in the Narthex. Feel free to take one for you and one to share with a friend!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME: After a brief hiatus during the Advent season, Confirmation classes for all 6th-8th graders will resume on Wednesday, January 8th at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you again!

WINTER PICNIC: Join us Sunday, January 12th after the late service for Twelfth Night - an Epiphany Picnic and Tree Burning! Following a chili cook-off, we'll head out to the bonfire pit, where we'll close the Christmas season by burning your live Christmas trees and wreaths. Following Christmas, you may place your undecorated trees and wreaths on the far north end of the parking lot, near the bonfire pit. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

CHILI COOKOFF: It's time to settle the bet-who makes the best chili at Blessed Savior? On Sunday, January 12th, you can enter your award-winning chili in our chili cookoff! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to enter.

ALTAR GUILD: The altar guild is seeking new members to help prepare and take care of our Lord's altar. This very important work would be great for individuals, couples, or even families. We are also seeking an individual to oversee/lead the Altar Guild. If you have any questions or interest, please talk to Janet Steinhaus or Pastor DeArmond.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Beginning in the New Year we are looking to establish a group of men that would assist pastor and the elders in the distribution of Communion during our worship services. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor DeArmond. Training will be provided.

USHERS: We are currently in need of ushers for all services, but especially Sundays, to help fill out some of the ushering teams. This opportunity to serve is open to all men and women in the congregation. If you have any questions or are willing to serve, please contact Jack Welter or Pastor DeArmond.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking compassionate individuals who are caring and loving to teach our children. We have both part- and full-time positions available. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

CALENDAR PICTURES WANTED: Please save those 2024 calendar pictures! Bible Verses can be added to the pictures and sent with shipments for Orphan Grain Train. Your donations can be placed in the bin under the table in the Narthex.

YOUNG AT HEART: Please join us for Young at Heart on Thursday, January 9th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall for pizza and a movie!

CRAFT NIGHT: Grab your crafts and join us on Friday, January 10th starting at 6pm for Craft Night. Please bring a snack to share and stay as long as you wish!

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER: Save the date! We've got dinner covered for you on Monday, January 27th! Stop by Culver's on National Ave from 4-7pm and your purchases will benefit those who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Marvene Lorna Duane Larry

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Dan Ellie Jason Shane Pastor Alex Gabe Amy Logan Mark Sam Sharlot Danielle Steve

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Kahl family, in memory of Roberta Grace.

Special Missions are sponsored by

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 3rd-10th

SAT	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal	THURS	9:30am Bible Study
SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion		11:00am Young at Heart
	10:30am Worship and Communion		6:30pm Worship and Communion
TUES	7:00am Bible Study	FRI	6:00pm Craft Night
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study	SAT	8:30am Men's Bible Study
WED	9:00am Quilters		9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm Bible Study	SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		9:15am Education Hour
	7:00pm Confirmation		10:30am Worship and Communion
			11:30am Winter Picnic and Tree Burning

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Attendance: 115

December 29 Offerings: \$8,493.00

December 22 Offerings: \$18,303.00

Needed Weekly: \$10,212.08

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