

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see “the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, “be patient” and “establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as “the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,” so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that “sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Is. 35:10).

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Preacher:** Rev. Zachary DeArmond  
**Organist:** Kim Woller  
**Elders:** Thurs: Lee Roloff  
8:00am: Jim Burow & Dale Wachholz  
10:30am: Sean Malone & Craig Butzlaff  
**Ushers:** 8:00am: Team 1-Saeger  
10:30am: Team 2-Malone  
**Lay Readers:** 8:00am: Wanda Kluessendorf  
10:30am: Sunday School  
**Acolytes:** Thurs: Morgan Knoblauch  
8:00am: Lydia Radcliffe  
10:30am: Kaitlyn Butzlaff  
**Altar Guild:** Jill Krueger and Janet Steinhaus  
**Greeters:** 8:00am: Kathy Rettig  
10:30am: Kay Belich  
**Fellowship:**

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DEC 12<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

- SAT** 8:30am Men’s Bible Study  
9:30am Handbell Rehearsal  
10:00am Bake Sale Set-Up  
**SUN** Women’s Ministry Bake Sale  
8:00am Worship and Communion  
9:15am Education Hour  
10:30am Worship and Sunday School Christmas Program  
**MON** 3:00pm Kringle Pick Up  
6:00pm Board of Education Meeting  
**TUES** 9:00am Ladies Bible Study  
6:30pm Council Meeting  
**WED** 9:00am Quilters  
11:00am Advent Worship  
11:30am Midweek Lunch  
5:30pm Midweek Dinner  
6:30pm Advent Worship  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
**THURS** 9:30am Bible Study  
6:30pm Worship and Communion  
**SAT** 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal  
**SUN** 8:00am Worship and Communion  
9:15am Education Hour  
10:30am Worship and Communion  
6:00pm Youth Group

## **WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

**ADVENT WORSHIP:** Our final Midweek Advent service will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at 11:00am and 6:30pm with a lunch following the morning service and dinner preceding the evening service beginning at 5:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:** Glory to the newborn King! Christmas Eve Worship will be held on December 24th at 3pm and 5pm. Christmas Day Worship will be held on December 25th at 9am.

**NO THURSDAY WORSHIP:** Please note that there is no Worship Service on Thursday, December 25th. Please join us on Sunday, December 28th at 9:00a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade begins each week at 9:15am in Sanctuary, as we rehearse for our Christmas program.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Each week we will look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is taking a short break for the Advent season. Please join us again on Tuesday, January 6th.

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is working their way through the series "The Chosen".

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is taking a short break for the Advent season. Please join us again on Wednesday, January 7th.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and is studying "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

## **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** Our fourth quarter special mission will be to support Journeys Lutheran School in Hales Corners as they recover from the devastating floods that struck in August. This mission gives us the opportunity to walk alongside the school community as they rebuild and restore their classrooms and resources for this very special ministry. Together, we can help provide stability and encouragement for the students, staff, and families who have been deeply affected. For more information about the ministry of Journeys Lutheran School please visit their website at [www.journeyslutheran.org](http://www.journeyslutheran.org).

**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 in case you would also like to donate teddy bears to this wonderful cause! For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2026 Offering Envelopes are now available in your cubby. For households with more than 2 giving members, your envelopes are located above the mailboxes. Please continue using your current 2025 envelopes for the remainder of the year.

**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!

**INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Did you get a nice family photo over Thanksgiving? Now is a great time to upload your family photo to the Instant Church Directory! For more information on how to get set up, please see the flyer on the table in the Narthex or contact the Church Office.

**2026 ALTAR FLOWER AND SPECIAL MISSION SIGN UP:** The sign up sheets for donating altar flowers and special missions throughout 2026 is now on the bulletin board.

**KRINGLE PICKUP:** Thank you so much for your generous support of our Youth Group Kringle Sale! Your order will be available for pick up on Monday, December 15th from 3-6pm.

**RAISE RIGHT:** Raise Right gift cards make great Christmas gifts! To purchase, simply fill out an order form and place it in the "Raise Right" mailbox on the north side of the Narthex. Orders are placed on Mondays and are available for pick up on Thursdays. The final order for 2025 will be placed on Monday, December 15th.

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** On Sunday, December 21st at 1:30pm, Benediction Lutheran Church (8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee, 53224) will be hosting their annual German Christmas Service. For more information, please visit: [www.benediction-lcms.org](http://www.benediction-lcms.org).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY THANK YOU:** Women's Ministry shares their most appreciative thanks to everyone who has made their events possible these past couple months! For all of you who baked, crafted, hosted, served, and so much more, THANK YOU!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY BAKE SALE:** Make sure to stop by the tables in the hallway for the Women's Ministry Bake Sale! Goodies will be available for purchase before and after Worship Services.

**TWELFTH NIGHT:** Join us Sunday, January 11th after the late service for Twelfth Night - an Epiphany Meal and Tree Burning! Following a chili meal, 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. If you are willing to bring a chili to share, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**YOUTH GROUP:** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, December 21st for our Christmas party at the bowling alley! Please meet us at New Berlin Bowl at 6pm, and pick up at 8pm.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

**We pray for our members:**

Charles Boie   Shari Schulz

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

Phillip   Pastor Alex   Paul   Gabe   Ellie   Rich

John   Jenny   Dan   Sarah   Elizabeth   Aiden   Brenda

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

Corwyn   Erika   Carlos   Mary   Darren

**Altar Flowers are sponsored by** Bruce and Karen Diener, in memory of Kristen.

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Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm  
*If you need to contact the Pastor after office  
hours, please call the Church Office and follow  
the prompts on the phone.*

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