

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



### † DIVINE SERVICE †

**OPENING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory

(LSB 850)

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**† WORD †**

**ANTHEM** "Pastorales de Noel" Movement 2, Les Mages (Magi)... Andre Jolivet

*Kit Schmidt, flute*

*Andrew Wulf, bassoon*

*"Pastorales de Noel" is a trio composition for flute, bassoon and accompaniment. It is gentle and restrained and has been described as an "unusual and lovely Christmas piece." Of the four scenes, "Les Mages" (The Magi) is being played today. The flute and bassoon echo the Magi's efforts as they follow the star during their journey. The goal of their pilgrimage is to seek the newborn King.*

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT** *1 Kings 3:4–15* (Solomon asks for an understanding mind, a listening heart.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

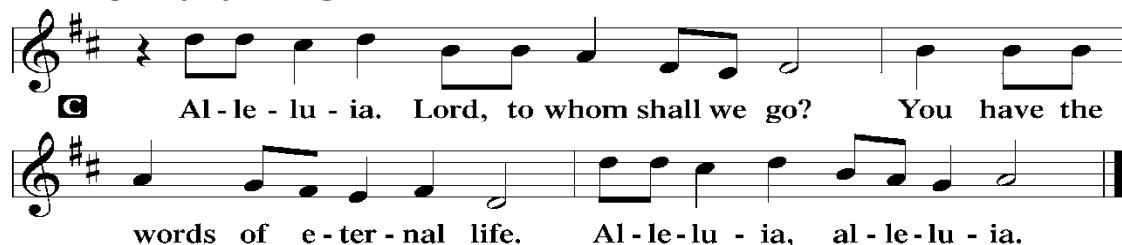
**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 1:3–14* (Paul tries to explain the overwhelming grace of God and our response to it.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:40–52* (The boy Jesus is found in the temple.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**BIBLE LESSON**

**SERMON HYMN**      "Within the Father's House"      (LSB 410)

**SERMON**      "My Father's House"      (Luke 2:49)  
*Pastor Sam Handschke*

**CREED** 8:30 *Nicene*      Inside back cover of the *Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00 *Apostles'*      Inside back cover of the *Lutheran Service Book*

## OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, to Solomon You granted wisdom and a discerning mind. Give Your people such wisdom from Your Word and a mind to discern truth from error, that we may know Jesus Christ and not depart from Him amid the winds of change and doubt that challenge our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, Your own Son became incarnate for us and grew from childhood into maturity filled with wisdom, and Your favor was upon



Him. Grant to parents and children the wisdom and courage to know You as Savior and Redeemer and to gather at Your bidding around Your Word and table. Help us form within our children the knowledge of what is right and good according to Your Word, as well as the will to do it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, You set apart kings and governments to safeguard Your people. Bless, we pray, our president; the Congress; our governor; our legislature; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws. Make them wise, and give them a discerning heart in the pursuit of justice for the offender, peace between the nations, and protection for the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_,]* and heal them according to Your will. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn *[especially \_\_\_\_\_].* Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, as blessed Mary treasured all things in her heart, grant us to know what is worthy of our attention and what will pass away, that approaching the table of our Lord we may be well-prepared to receive with repentance and faith His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.



**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

## † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT † 8:30 service

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

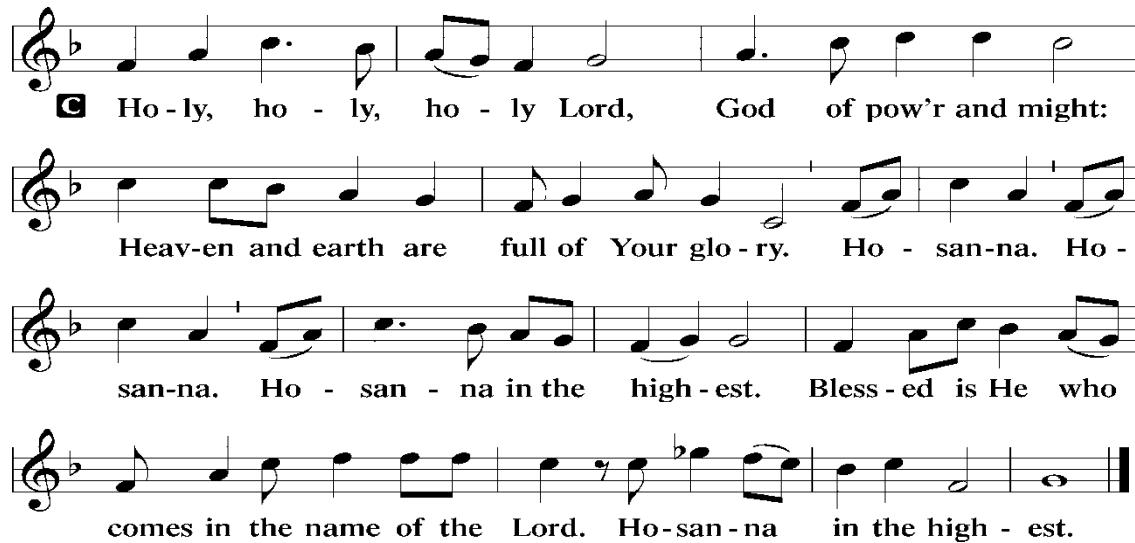
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:". The second staff begins with a G clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -". The third staff begins with a G clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who". The fourth staff begins with a G clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est."

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the

salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

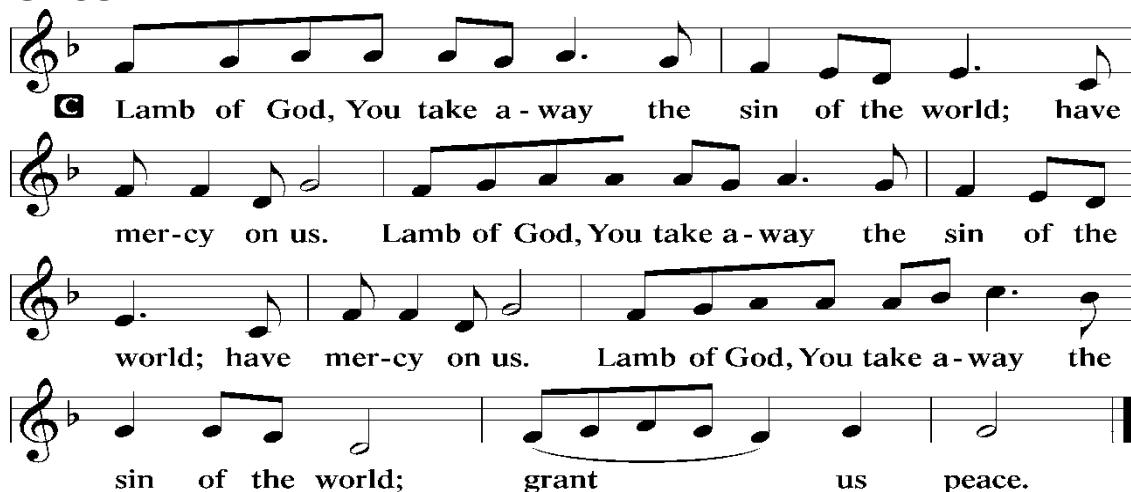
*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI



C 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.

(Please be seated)

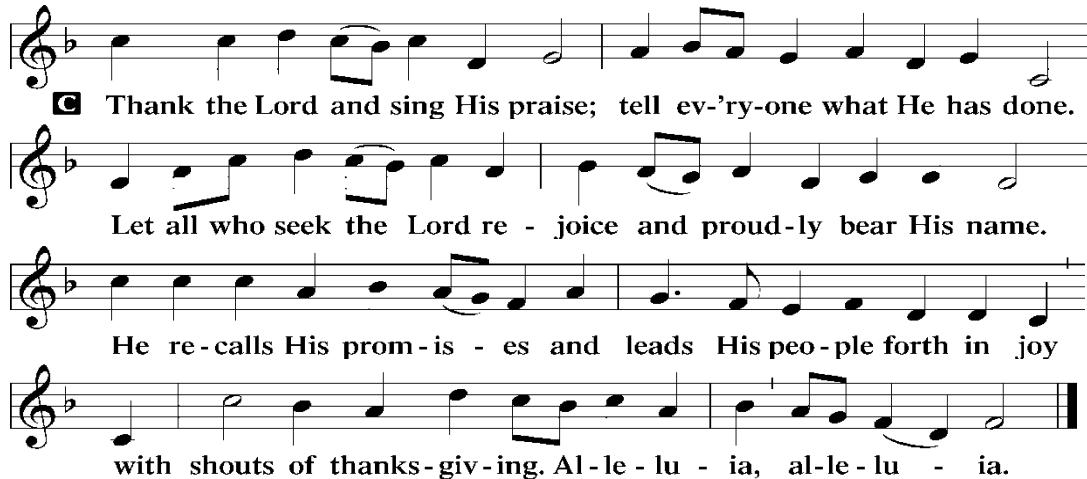
## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" (LSB 686)  
"The Star Proclaims the King is Here" (LSB 399)  
"God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594)



(Please stand)

## THANK THE LORD



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

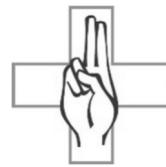
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



## CLOSING HYMN "Oh, Blest the House Whate'er Befall" (LSB 862)

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



**AS WE GATHER** We can't figure God out. Mary and Joseph must have been completely confused about Jesus' desire to stay in the temple, but it was obvious to Him. There was a long list of blessings God was able to give to Solomon; fortunately, the king chose the right one. The Epistle tells us what God wants and what He has done for us, regardless of if we have understood His plan. He has chosen us, given us the Holy Spirit, and included us in a gracious

inheritance. And it all revolves around our Savior—His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus did all that was necessary for grace to be poured out on us, thanks be to God. It is all certainly beyond our understanding.

*After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. Luke 2:46–47*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday after Christmas!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching this morning** is Rev. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Dec. 24, Att. 595;** Offering \$17,527.25; **Dec. 25, Att. 58;** Offering \$1,575.00; **Sun., Dec. 28, Att. 217;** General Fund \$8,619.57; Sunday School \$0.00; Advent \$45.00; Thanksgiving \$5.00; Building Fund \$355.00; New

Year's Eve \$250.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,425.00; Flowers \$30.00; Endowment Fund (Future) in memory of Benny Herman Mogler \$100.00, Endowment Fund (Generations) in memory of Orville Charlson \$20.00, Endowment Fund (Generations) in memory of Eldon Lindquist \$50.00, Endowment Fund (Generations) in memory of David Bechard \$50.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

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**Offering Envelopes** The offering envelopes are on a table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today. If you cannot find yours ask Helen or leave a note on her desk and she will make sure you are assigned some so we can keep track for you for tax purposes.

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



**GREETERS SCHEDULE**      **EARLY**      **LATE**

**B = Before**

**A = After**

**B/A = Greet Before & After**

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**Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed** You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.



**New Church Cookbook** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered.



**Building Healthy Families:** The beginning of a New Year can bring feelings of anticipation, excitement, and hope as we start with a clean slate, our resolutions to keep. Still looking for ideas that will bring new life to your New Year? How about one of these: read from Scripture 15 minutes every day; go to church every Sunday; set aside 20 minutes at the end of the day to pray; join a Bible Study group; memorize a new Bible verse each week. Don't give up! It takes 6 weeks of doing something repeatedly to make it a habit. Happy & Blessed New Year to you and your family! **Lutheran Family Service**

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Main Street Living** “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - “The Other Wiseman”** - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Joshua Jones**, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled “Behold, Your King!”. The sermon is based on Matthew 2:1-12. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “Your story might not look as extraordinary as Esther’s. It might not be as exciting as David’s or as tumultuous as Rahab’s or as terrifying as Mary’s. But you don’t have to be extraordinary for God to work through you. He can accomplish great things through something as unassuming as prayer or as simple as a meal for a new mother.” *Grace MacPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

### **Today: Jan. 4**

8:30 am Communion  
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship  
6:00 pm Board of Elders

### **Mon: Jan. 5**

5:45-6:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys BB  
7:00 pm Men's Club

### **Tues: Jan. 6 Epiphany**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
7-8 pm 5th grade girls Basketball

### **Wed: Jan. 7**

5:45 pm *Revelation* Study at Wulf's  
6:00 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Jan. 8**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
5:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys Basketball

### **Fri: Jan. 9**

5:30-6:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

### **Sun: Jan. 11**

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Communion  
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

