

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**Third Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Pageant  
December 15, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

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**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

*The Reverend Paul Egensteiner, Bishop*

*The Reverend Marc Herbst, Pastor*

*Judith Feuss, Music Director/Organist*



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WELCOME to the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today, and we hope that your experience is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

IF YOU ARE NEW to COSL, here are some things you might like to know:

- **Who we are.** COSL is a congregation of the family of God that welcomes all people without discrimination or prejudice, seeking to strengthen one another with Word and Sacraments, prayer and example. Our mission is to:
  - Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his love with all people.
  - Reach out to our community with friendship and witness.
  - Bring hope and healing to those who are in need, both at home and abroad.
  - Offer opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship and service.
  - Encourage all members to discover, develop and share their God-given talents.
- **Children** are always welcome to join us for worship. They are encouraged to come forward during Children's Messages and participate. Also, please note that there are Activity Bags (containing books, coloring and other materials inside) available for children preschool to Age 6, in the narthex (entrance hall).
- **Childcare** is provided for interested families during worship. Ms. Anna Gordy, a mother of four and grandmother of nine (and counting!), has vast experience in child care, including 15 years at a local Parish Resource Center. This ministry is provided in the Nursery School Room, located on the lower level.
- **Sunday School**, available for children ages 4 through 12, is offered September through June. The program begins during the 10AM worship with an opening Children's Message among the entire congregation, and then the students depart to learn beloved Bible stories, Lutheran identity and the love of Jesus. They return before the conclusion of worship to participate in the dismissal. On designated Youth Sundays the students may remain with the entire congregation and participate in a meaningful way throughout the liturgy.
- **Coffee and refreshments** are generally served following worship in the Parlor, located on the lower level accessible from the narthex (entrance hall). Please join us!
- **Restrooms** are located on the lower level along the main hallway. A changing table is available in another restroom located off of the fellowship hall.
- **Worship Assistance and Emergency Needs.** First aid kits and a defibrillator are readily available. Please see an usher if assistance is needed, or if you have any other concerns or questions.
- **Pastoral Care.** We minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all God's children. Confidentiality is respected. For pastoral care please feel free to contact Pastor Marc Herbst (see contact info above) or one of our agencies: (counseling) **Lutheran Counseling Center**, 132 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, 800-317-1173 or 516-741-0994 or (food and essentials) **New LIFE Center, Long Island**, 311 Uniondale Ave., Uniondale, 516-483-3240.

**Third Sunday of Advent • December 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM**  
***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Ten***  
**The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister**

**PRELUDE: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (Drischner)**

**GATHERING** - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

*Assisting:* We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

*All:* **Amen.**



**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

*Light the first three candles. The assembly sings the following hymn during the lighting.*

**HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW Hymn 257) Verses 1-3**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*Presider:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Presider:* As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

*All:* **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Presider:* Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✝ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*All:* **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

## ENTRANCE HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW Hymn 264)

### GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

*Presider:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Narrator 1:* One early morning, Mary woke to knocking on her door. She ran to see a visitor she'd never seen before. An angel dressed in robes of white was at her side. "Don't be afraid" the angel said, when Mary tried to hide.

*Narrator 2:* "God says that you will have a child: The Son of God above! He'll be the King of all the world and rule in peace and love." Then Mary smiled and bowed her head. She dreamed about her son. "I am God's servant," Mary said. "So, let God's will be done."

**CHRISTMAS CAROL: *Mary Did You Know* (On Screen)**

*Narrator 3:* Now Caesar Augustus had sent a decree, that a census was ordered for all people, you see? So, to Bethlehem young Mary and Joseph must go, A long and tough journey, moving steady and slow.

*Narrator 4:* It had been a long day for both Joseph and Mary. It had been a big load for a donkey to carry. And poor Joseph wondered along the whole way, “When we finally get there, where will we stay?”

*Narrator 1:* The Bethlehem crowds filled the couple with fear, and the innkeeper said, “there’s no room for you here!” Joseph thought and he thought and looked all over town, “There must be a place for my wife to lie down.”

*Narrator 2:* Then he spotted a stall filled with chickens and sheep, “In that place,” Joseph thought “even donkeys can sleep!” So, this little stable, hidden out of the way, would very soon be the place where the new baby lay.

*Narrator 3:* The Earth is rejoicing, down below and above as angels shout their praises and love. “Glory to God in the highest” they sing, “Christ is born, the heavenly King!”

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL: *Hark the Herald Angels* (On Screen)**

**Pageant Participants sing first verse; assembly remaining**

*Narrator 4:* So, our new, little family settled down in the hay, no crib for the babe, so in a manger he lay. Closing their eyes, in the early twilight, they are soon sleeping peacefully, on this silent night.

*Narrator 1:* Now while the shepherds were tending their flock through the night, what came before them was such a heavenly sight. The angel announced there was nothing to fear, that they should rejoice, for the savior is here!

*Narrator 2:* The news had spread far, and the news had spread wide, The Savior was here, it could not be denied. All kinds came to see him, giving gifts to the lad, though not having much, they gave all that they had.

*Narrator 3:* Kings of all places had heard of the child, many rejoiced, though some reviled. King Herod especially found the news grim and was afraid this new baby was worth more than him.

*Narrator 4:* He arranged for three men to go on ahead, to praise the new baby, but they were misled. For Herod's intentions were anything but warm, He wished to do the little one harm.

*Narrator 1:* Though in a dream, the group was warned and in that moment their plans were transformed. They knew what to do, in their hearts did it burn. To King Herod, they knew, they would never return.

*Narrator 2:* So, our wise men continued from far, far away. How long of a journey, no one could say. They travelled by night and they rested by day, the bright, shining star leading the way.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL: *We Three Kings* (On Screen)**

*Narrator 3:* We're part of this story, every one of us, it's true. When we join this Christmas story and spread the Good News! We open our hearts and our minds to the Lord, Awaiting the day that the savior is born!

*The assembly stands.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (On Screen)**





## CREED

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

*All:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*All:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Gracious God, we rejoice that you dwell in human bodies. Renew signs of your joyful presence in people of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities. We pray especially for Otto, Craig, Hilda, Helen, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Basilia, Gina, Gisela, Michael, Virginia, Christian, Pastor Diane and Horton. Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Life-giving God, we rejoice that you surround us with friends and family to share special moments. Bless all who celebrate birthdays, especially Brandon, Peter, Laura, Louise, Jensine, William and Larry and wedding anniversaries, especially Michelle and Chandler. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses, especially Sheila. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Presider:* You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Choir:* ♪ Amen. Amen. ♪

## **PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. The Offertory Anthem accompanies the gathering of the offering.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *How Quietly* (Joel Raney)

The assembly stands. *Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.*

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG:

#### *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW Hymn 184)



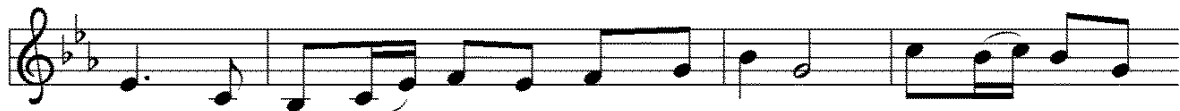
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.*

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

*All:* **Amen.**



## DIALOGUE

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

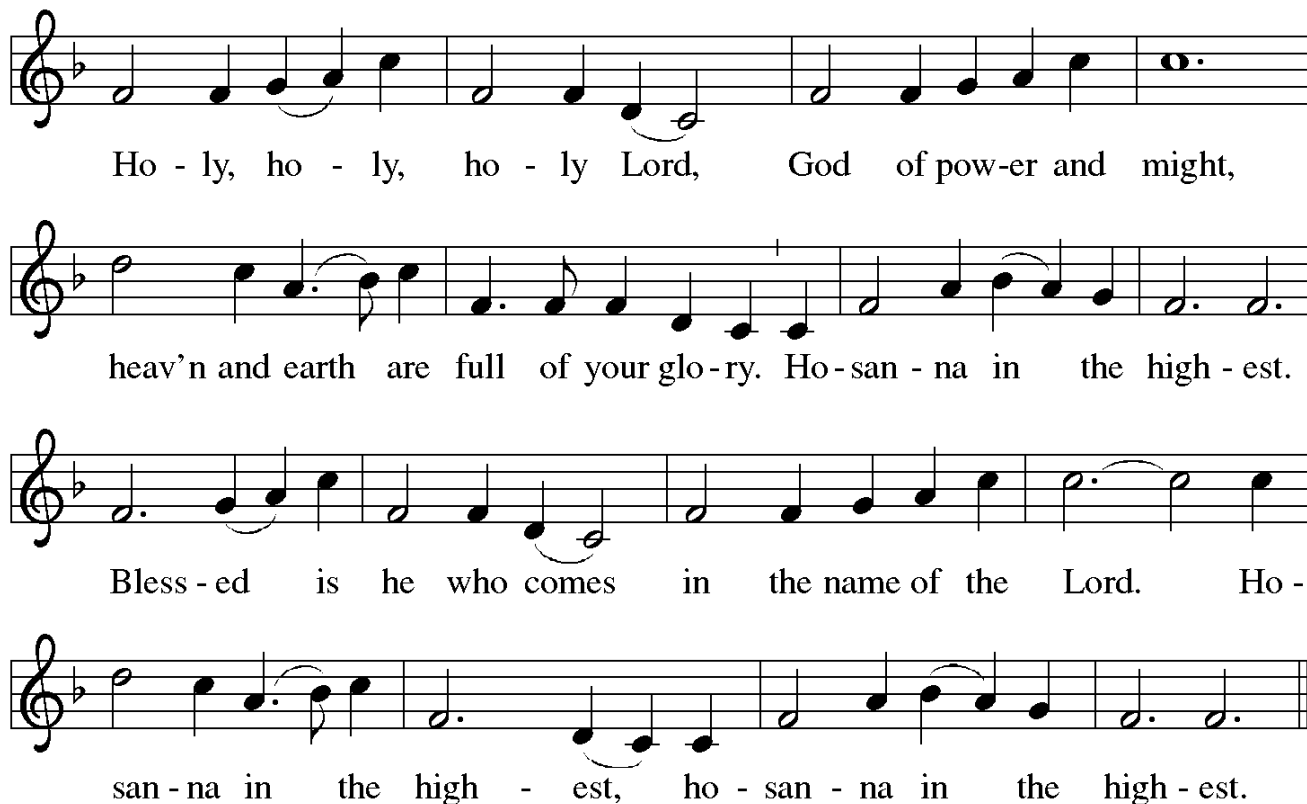
*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* 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 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Presider:* 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.

*Presider:* 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*All:* **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider:* Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.



*The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*



## COMMUNION

*We welcome all baptized believers, regardless of faith tradition, to celebrate Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Ushers will help guide all for the distribution of Holy Communion. Unless instructed otherwise, worshipers will approach the altar from the center aisle and, if able, kneel at the Altar Rail. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts. Assisting ministers will offer individual cups of consecrated red wine and white grape juice. Should anyone have dietary concerns, gluten-free consecrated hosts are readily available upon request to the presiding minister. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are still invited to come to the Lord's Table to receive a blessing; kindly cross your arms as a method to advise the presiding minister of your desire to be blessed. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond "Amen." Following receipt of Holy Communion, the acolyte will collect the empty cups, and the communed worshipers are invited to return to their places via the side aisles.*



## COMMUNION HYMN



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION SOLO: *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion* (from *The Messiah* – Handel) Kelli Shahinian, Alto

## COMMUNION SONGS: *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (ELW Hymn 239) *People, Look East* (ELW Hymn 248)

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

## TABLE BLESSING

*Presider:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*All:* **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

### *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW Hymn 204)



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SENDING** - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

*The assembly stands.*

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World* (ELW Hymn 267)**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Arr. James Kasen)**

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## CHILDREN'S PAGEANT CAST

**Narrator 1** - *Matthew Keenan*

**Narrator 2** - *Caitlin Azzara*

**Narrator 3** - *Zara Zung*

**Narrator 4** - *Meredith Weigand*

**Mary** - *Angelica Rivilli*

**Joseph** - *Henry Wall*

**Gabriel** - *Hazel Wall*

**Innkeeper** - *Ben Pereria*

**Wiseman 1** - *Travis Deremick*

**Wiseman 2** - *AJ Catuogno*

**Wiseman 3** - *Max Newhall*

**Shepherds**: *Liam Quinn, Logan Quinn, Tyler Deremick, Hans Maurischat*

**Angels** - *Olivia Reiner, Eva Reiner, Kirsten Maurischat*



***The Altar flower arrangement is in memory of Gloria Tortora.***

### **Serving this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Caroline Azzara

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Lector:** N/A

**Ushers:** Dan Nigro & Alex Rekow

**Altar guild:** Louise Benes & Kathy McNally

**Recorder:** Kathy McNally

**Coffee Hour:** Open

**Serving next Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Sara Keenan

**Assisting Minister:** Carol Herbst

**Lector:** Jeanine Levitan

**Ushers:** Jim Meredith & Alex Rekow

**Altar guild:** Norma Carrasco & Sieglinde Lubbers

**Recorder:** Katie Miller

**Coffee Hour:** Claire Jensen

**CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)**

**Today, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:45AM – Choir practice

10:00AM –Worship with Holy Communion, Children’s Christmas Pageant,  
Childcare

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30PM – Christmas decorating party (See flyer in back of bulletin.)

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00AM—Knitwits and Ruth Circle crafts meeting

**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Practice takes place on *most Sundays at 8:45am.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class meets most *Sundays @ 10:15am from September through June. There is no Sunday school today, December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**KNITWITS/RUTH CIRCLE CRAFTS:** This group meets most *Tuesdays at 10am.*

**WINE ABOUT RELIGION** – Please note that the *December 18<sup>th</sup> session has been cancelled.*

## **2019 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**



### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10AM – Christmas Music Program: *Lessons and Carols*  
(Anthems, duets, solos, instrumental music and handbell Choir)

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:45pm – Christmas music for flute and organ

4pm – Candlelight Communion Service

10:15pm – Christmas music for flute and organ

10:30pm – Candlelight Communion Service

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am – Carols and Holy Communion Worship

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

10am – Holy Communion Worship

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

10am – Holy Communion Worship

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT AND HEALING

(Unless a renewed request is received, prayer intercessions for individuals will be listed for three consecutive weeks.)

**ASSISTED CARE/HOMEBOUND:** Otto Ackerman, Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, Helen Carstens (mother of Jeff Carstens), Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst), Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Minerva Lick, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin.

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Basilia Caruso (friend of Lynn Nigro), Gina Farasciano (friend of Stephanie Hall), Gisela Feige (friend of Wilma & Alex Rekow), Michael Gomez (friend of Carol & Sal Furciato), Virginia Marshall, Christian Miller, Pastor Diane E. Ranson (daughter of Maryann & Al Ranson) and Horton Schwartz (brother of Jeanine Levitan).

**GRIEF:** Family of Sheila Gilliam

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—12/15 through 12/21

**BIRTHDAYS:** Brandon Martinez – 12/15, Peter Barone – 12/16, Laura Badamo, Louise Benes and Jensine Schneekloth – 12/18, William McNamara – 12/19, Larry Quinn – 12/21

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michelle & Chandler Romotzki – 12/17

## FINANCIALS

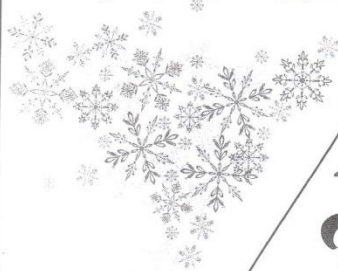
### NOVEMBER YTD

Income: \$353,840  
Expenses: \$383,717  
Deficit: \$29,877

# Christmas Caroling

**Sunday Dec. 8th @ 2:00**

Refreshments to follow



*Church  
Christmas  
Decorating  
Party*

**Monday Dec 16th @ 6:30**

Followed with food and festivities