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November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent

No. 1

Hymns & Liturgy: Worship Folder

The First Lesson: Psalm 24

Organist: Mrs. Judy Eckhoff

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

“Behold the King of Whom We Sing – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Rodger Abatie, Rev. Louis Knief, Jayme Knapp, Jason Knapp, Brandon Neiman, Linda Wood, Mike Clayton, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best’s mother), Rev. Wayne Ahrens (son-in-law of Pastor and Hilda Knief), Donna Hawbecker, Bud Neptun, Larry Hartness, Jan Long, Shirley Swanson, Steve Von Behren, Louie Heuermann, Carol Walton, Ronald Hunt (friends of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), Deb Mingus, sister-in-law of Joe and June Bembenek; Vera Zentko, Tommie Washington, June Bembenek, Barb O’Dell, for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, for Christians being persecuted worldwide.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU that if you wish to have your prayer request added to the Christ Lutheran Prayer Chain, please contact either the church office (309)637-5309 or laura@berkshier.net) or our Lay Minister, Al Schneider (697-9475 or aschneider@sbcglobal.net). *If you would like to be on the prayer chain and receive emails about prayer requests, please email Laura or call the church office.*

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$5,294.51; MTD: \$28,621.51. Improvement Fund: \$65.00; MTD: \$590.00. Attendance: 96.

THIS IS THE 1st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Booma Jass to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Allan Jass (Nov. 26th) and Katherine Koepfel (Nov. 27th).

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the altar during the Christmas season, please contact Christel VandeVoorde (267-3053). The cost is \$8.00 each and your order and money need to be turned in by December 13th.

LWML 'COOKIE SALE': A "Cookie Sale" will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 9:00-Noon. This will be a sale of prepackaged one-pound containers of cookies and/or candy. Cost will be \$5.00 per pound container. The sale will be set up on the sidewalk at the end of the canopy. Drivers are asked to drive up to the canopy area to make a purchase or pick up an order and are requested to stay in their vehicles. Pre-orders may ordered as follows: 1) Cookies - General assortment 2) Cookies - no nuts 3) Fudge - no nuts 4) Fudge with nuts 5) General assortment candy and fudge 6)Divinity 7) Small loaves of breads - banana, cranberry, pumpkin and zucchini (cost \$3/each). Contact Nancy Knoll (688-1376) or Suzanne Heinz (633-0746) to pre-order. NO CRAFTS will be available this year. We appreciate your support and thank you for your understanding with the guidelines established for this year's sale.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES have been scheduled. Christmas Eve services have been scheduled for 5:00 and 7:00 PM, but you need to reserve your spot. The 5:00 PM service will be a more family-oriented service. The 7:00 PM service will be a

more traditional-style service. You can mark your number of seats needed on your attendance card or call the church office or email Laura to reserve your spots ASAP.

PACKETS FOR ADVENT are available on the table at the back door of the church. Sunday School “classes” are scheduled to start again on January 10th, so please use these materials throughout the Christmas season for your children. These materials are also emailed to you along with the bulletin and service each week. Please feel free to take one to share with a friend or family member or forward the link from your email!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated to the effort of making Thanksgiving Dinner baskets for 23 families! ~
RaeAnn Laylock

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (NOV 30- DEC 6)

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| <u>MON 11/30:</u> | Bell Choir..... | 6:45 PM |
| <u>TUE 12/1:</u> | Youth | 5:45 PM |
| | Parish Ministry..... | 6:00 PM |
| | Trustees..... | 6:30 PM |
| <u>WED 12/2:</u> | Adult Choir | 7:00 PM |
| <u>THU 12/3:</u> | Quilting..... | Noon |
| | Day School..... | 1:30 PM |
| | Stew/Finance..... | 6:00 PM |
| <u>FRI 12/4:</u> | | |
| <u>SAT 12/5:</u> | | |
| <u>SUN 12/6:</u> | Holy Communion..... | 8:00 AM |
| | Holy Communion | 9:30 AM |
| | Holy Communion | 11:00 AM |

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HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" [LSB 332 v. 1, 2]

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh --
Woman's offspring pure and fresh.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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

C Most merciful God, 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 of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM 24

SERMON: Behold the King of Whom We Sing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, our Father, we give You thanks that You bring us once again into a new Church Year whereby we confess and proclaim Your great love for the world in the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Supply Your whole Church on earth with faithful pastors and laborers who will continually feed and lead Your people, rightly proclaiming Your Word, administering Your Holy Sacraments, and caring for all in their charge. Guard and bless Your servant [name], our Synod President, and [name], our District President. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: That we may live in peace and safety, we ask You to continually bless those in the authority of government, the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state/commonwealth, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Grant that they rule according to Your good pleasure by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort, O Lord, all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially . . .]. Grant healing, peace, and courage for all bearing their crosses to Your praise and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" [LSB 357]

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. [Refrain]

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. [Refrain]

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Jesus Came, from Heavens Adoring" [LSB 353 v. 1, 2]

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.