

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday;** Isaiah 44:21-45:13,20-25,[Daniel 10:1-12:13, Isaiah 48:1-22] Revelation 12:1-17 **Monday;** Isaiah 49:1-18, Matthew 1:1-17 **Tuesday;** Isaiah 49:22-26 ,50:4-51:8, 12-16, Matthew 1:18-25 **Wednesday;** Isaiah 51:17-52:12, Matthew 2:1-12 **Thursday;** Isaiah 52:13-54:10, Matthew 2:13-23 **Friday;** Isaiah 55:1-13, Luke 1:1-25 **Saturday;** Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21, Luke 1:26-38 **Sunday;** Isaiah 60:1-22, Luke 1:39-56

**So shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11 ESV.**

**Revelation Bible Study:** Please come to **Bible Study** on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 in the Church Fellowship Center. We have recently started a new Bible Study that should be of great interest to every Christian especially in the tumultuous world we live in today: The book of Revelation. In this study series titled, "Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb", we see how God's revelation to John encourages Christians at every age.

**Measure of Our Stewardship**

Budgetary Needs = Total budget divided by 52. The General Fund Receipts include Sunday through Saturday receipts. These amounts are not reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.

**GENERAL FUND INCOME 12/10/23 – 12/16/23**

Tuition Income:	\$ 9,502
G/F Envelope Income	\$ 19,377
Weekly Budgetary Needs	\$ 25,052
	\$ 3,827

**Attendance 12/17/23**

Sunday Worship Total:	336
Communed:	128
Visitors:	4
Sunday School:	30
Adult Bible Study:	31
<b>FLS Christmas Program 12/20-9AM &amp; 7PM:</b>	<b>796</b>

*Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38*

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 9:00AM

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**AS WE GATHER**

The continuity of the Lord's strength is unmistakable. He alone shores up the psalmist David as shepherd of sheep and prince of Israel. Enemies cannot destroy the Lord's protective shield over David. So also, the Church is fortified through the preaching of the Gospel and remains the vessel of divine mystery and truth that lasts forever. God's ultimate strength is revealed through the angel Gabriel, who proclaims to a virgin that she will bear the Son of God.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Divine Service:** Setting 4, Page 203

**♪ HYMNS**  
9:00 AM- #357(1-4), 356, 365, [393, 361, 374] 357(5-7)

**ORGANIST:** Luke Dahl

**BIBLE READINGS**  
Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16  
Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

**SERMON:**  
"Faithful Watching and Waiting"  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
~ Pastor Dan Welch

**DEACONS**  
Mark Schmidt and Joel Goche

**ACOLYTES**

**CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10:** Wednesdays 6:30 PM | Fridays 5:30 PM

**INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- Kim Oelfke, Lloyd Duenow, JoAnn Iliff, Clara Witthus, Cindy Johnson, Ormund Ostlie, Mavis Holmbeck, William Dahlke, and Duane Schuette
- The family and friends of Gene Menzel, Brother-in-law of Rich Streufert, who was called home to be with the Lord on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Blessed are those who die in the Lord!
- The family and friends of Lorraine Kurtzweg whose funeral was held here Thursday, Dec. 21st.
- The family and friends of Hillard Pollmann whose funeral was on Friday, Dec. 22nd.
- The family and friends of Ethan Grimm, whose funeral was held here on Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Blessed are those who die in the Lord!

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 12.24**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Divine Service w/ communion | 9:00AM  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 2PM & 5PM

**MONDAY 12.25**  
**Christmas Day**  
Divine Service w/ communion | 9:00AM

**TUESDAY 12.26**  
**Church Office Closed**  
FLS | No School  
Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center | 11:00AM-12:30PM

**WEDNESDAY 12.27**  
FLS | No School  
No Confirmation Classes

**THURSDAY 12.28**  
FLS | No School

**FRIDAY 12.29**  
FLS | No School

**SUNDAY 12.31**  
Divine Service w/ communion | 8:00 AM  
Fellowship: OPEN | 9:00AM  
Bible Study & Sunday School | 9:15AM  
Divine Service w/ communion | 10:30AM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**2024 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING:** All current board members serving in 2024 and all newly appointed board members are required to attend the re-organizational meeting on Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 PM in the FLC Fellowship Center. Business items conducted at this meeting include selecting board officers, determining monthly meeting date/time, and selecting the 2024 Church Council representatives. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**Donations Needed:** Fun and The Son is in need of snack and drink donations. Fun and The Son meets every other week on Tuesdays and is for all students in Kindergarten-Third grade. If you feel inclined to donate, please drop them off in the church office. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**INSTALLATION SUNDAY**  
Reminder to all the 2022 Officers and Board Members, installation and rededication will take place on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. You may attend either service.

**WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE:** The office staff would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the cards, candies, goodies, and gifts we received during the Advent and Christmas season. We have been blessed by your thoughtfulness and generosity!

**Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:** is seeking volunteers age 18 and older to provide a break for family caregivers. No prior experience required, and training is provided. [Learn More 866.787.9802 or lssmn.org/volunteer/caregiver.](https://www.lssmn.org/volunteer/caregiver)