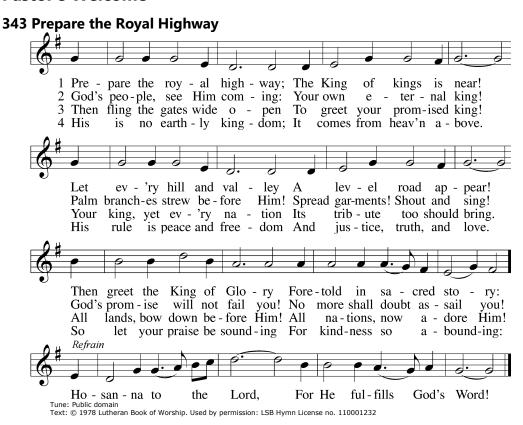


# Second Sunday in Advent December 5, 2021

"What's going on" Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

## **Pastor's Welcome**



## **Confession and Absolution**

#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. You led your people Israel by the pillar of clouds by day and the pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ this Advent. May His Word be a lamp our feet, and a light to our path. For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. We your creatures glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## C Amen.



- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

## Introit



- The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

  "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

  Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

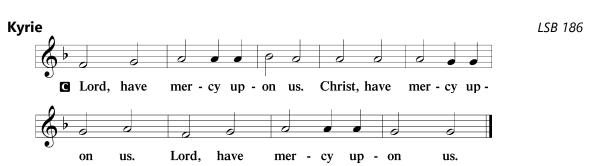
  O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!
- I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

  Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

  But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

  Israel would not sub- | mit to me.
- Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\* that Israel would walk | in my ways!
  The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*
  "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."





# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.



P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are no consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle** *Philippians* 1:2–11

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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## Holy Gospel Luke 3:1–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." <sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." 14Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." <sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is

coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Fifth Commandment

P You shall not murder.

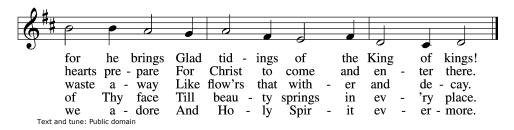
What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

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# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (all st 1&2, Choir 3&4, all 5)

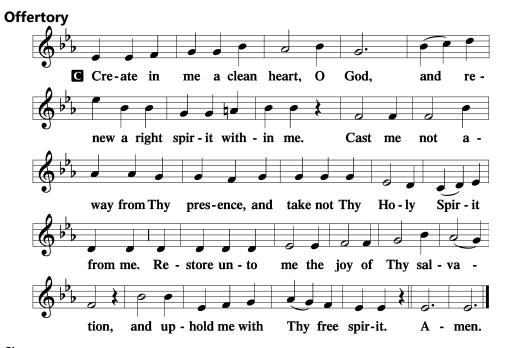




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### **Sermon - Point to Jesus**

Stand



Sit

## Offering

Stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

P	That the Lord who was once long-suffering toward Israel, calling them to
	repentance, would open our hearts to hear His Word, receive His gifts and
	gladly submit to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

# C Lord, have mercy.

- P For pastors, that God, who called Isaiah and John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, would bless them with every good gift as they prepare His people for Christ's coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church, that the Lord who cleanses and gathers us would cause our love to abound more and more, give us knowledge and discernment of what is excellent, and preserve us blameless for the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For families, that our Father who gathers us into His household would bless the households of this congregation; and that He would bless all within them so that their love may abound with knowledge, discernment and the righteousness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who serve in the military, that the Lord of hosts, who through John the Baptist counseled soldiers to conduct themselves according to His Word, would remember, protect and guide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to serve honorably, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those in need of healing, comfort and rescue, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_,] that for the sake of Christ, who is mightier than all, God would deliver them according to His will and assure them of His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, that as John prepared all flesh to see the Lord's salvation, so God would prepare our hearts to worthily receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

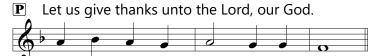
## C Amen.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

Preface LSB 194

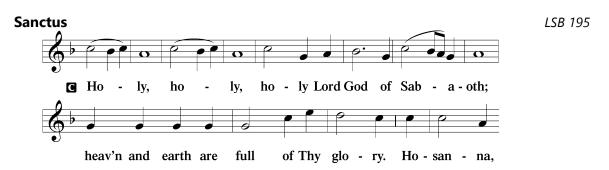






C It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

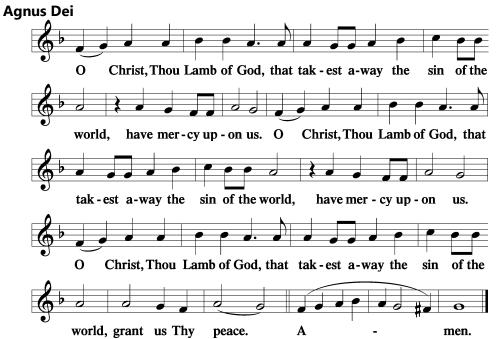
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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Pax Domini LSB 197

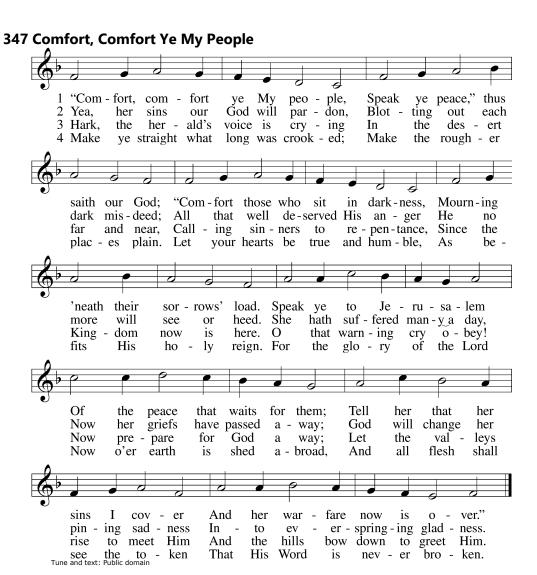
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

# **Distribution**



The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

#### Amen.

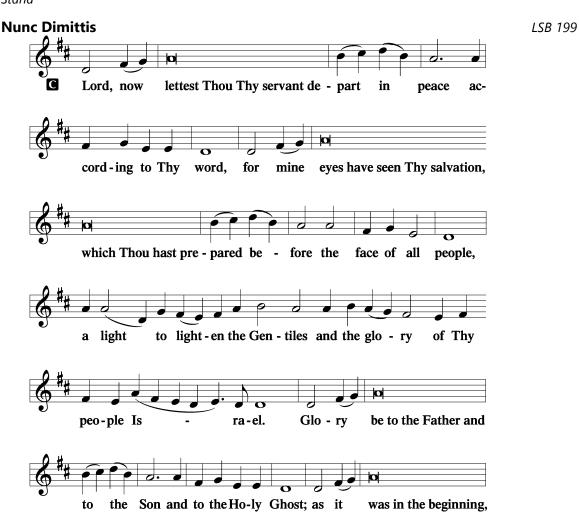
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

#### Amen.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:* 

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- G Amen.

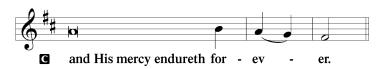
Stand





Thanksgiving LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**A** 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 in 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.



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 

→ give you peace.



#### **Announcements**

## 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



- 1 Come, Thou long ex pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free; 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



#### **Dismissal**

- **A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God

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**ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS** Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate on the table at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** – Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm.

Please contact the church office for assistance. Pastor Dan Greg (630-967-4692), Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-971-3257) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 36= \$2370 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

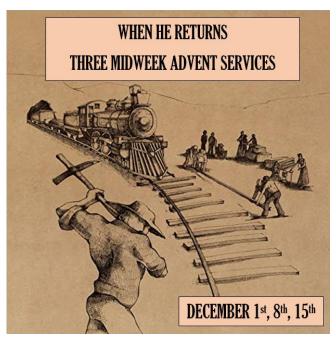
**CHANGE FOR CHANGE**" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. Of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' " God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

**HELP THE HUNGRY** The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help **Special need** of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water **USHERS AND LECTORS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!** Please let Wendy if you are willing to either Usher or be a Lector/ Assistant.

**HUMAN CARE/ MISSIONS** There will be an offering plate in the back of the Church for Lutheran Child & Family services. They are requesting money this year to provide gifts for the children in foster care.

<u>OUTREACH/ COMMUNICATION</u> The Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, who we support for their food pantry, has opened up a Community Clothing Ministry that will assist the needy and homeless in the area. They are looking for gently used men's and women's winter clothing, coats, shoes, boots, coats, gloves and hand warmers, sweat shirts, heavy socks warm hats and scarves. Of course donations of gift cards for gas and pharmacy are always appreciated. There will be a large box in fellowship hall for the collection.



Services at 2:15PM and 7PM on the above Wednesdays



## Fellowship, Fun, and Food

Christmas Potluck Party and Caroling

## Saturday, December 11th at 5:00pm

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Wendy at our church office at <a href="mailto:secretary@holyspiritegy.org">secretary@holyspiritegy.org</a> or (847) 437-5897. Please provide your name, phone number, and what you intend to help with.

Categories include: Main Dish Salad Dessert Set up help Clean up help

If you or someone you know needs transportation to/from the event, please let us know!

Pastor Dan and Mike G. have already volunteered to be drivers!



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## **OUR MISSION**

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

SUN 12/5	2nd Sunday of Advent	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour -Trustees	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am
WED 12/8	Confirmation	2:00pm
	Advent Service	2:15pm
	Advent Service	7:00pm
	Choir practice	8:00pm
THUR 12/9	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
SAT 12/11	Caroling and Potluck Dinner	5:00pm
SUN 12/12	2nd Sunday of Advent	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour-Finance	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am

#### WELCOME! & COMMUNION STATEMENT

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. In this blessed sacrament of the altar, we celebrate our Lord's communion with us as he gives us his true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Because we believe this is also a public confession of faith, we invite all baptized and catechized believers in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to come and receive these gifts.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to commune regardless of confession, please speak with Pastor before service or during the week.

Please speak with Pastor or an usher if you may need Communion brought to you.

#### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

Sundays – 9:00AM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m. Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May) Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Gr. 2 Adult Studies

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