

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. 1/4: Divine Service @ 9:00 AM
 Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM
Tues. 1/6: Epiphany Supper @ 6:00 PM
 Epiphany Divine Service @ 7:00 PM

*Altar flowers
 given to the
 praise and
 glory of God*

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays (B), & Anniversaries:

12/31: Dan Acree
 1/1: Charles Spurgeon (B)
 1/3: John & Karen Dobrinski, Emma Nye

Prayer list:

Teresa Lucas	Haylana Pifer	Cole Benton	Glen Schurman
Luella Holle	Mary Pifer	Don Acton	Chris Elser
Laura Moorman	Cathy Tays	Melissa Otte	Beckett Loesch
John Dobrinski	Stephanie Hildebrandt	Tammy Bean	Doug Ahlemeyer
Debbie Schroer	Vaden Hanley	Cindy May	Kayla Forbes

Stewardship:

Weekly Budget: \$3266 12/21 Synodical Fund: \$100
 12/21 Offerings: \$2809 12/21 Building Fund: \$300

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Vanco: A new, online offering method is now available. You can find more information by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by going to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMRA>.



Elder Election: At our January voters' meeting (1/11), we will have an election for an elder position. If any man is interested in letting his name stand for this position, please speak to an elder or to pastor. Current nominees: Doug Ahlemeyer

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: After Divine Service on January 11th.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Introit *Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: 40:16*

- P** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- C** **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**
- P** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C** **I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**
- P** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

Collect of the Day

- P** Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*

- P** This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:
 I will put my laws into their minds,
 and write them on their hearts.
 I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

✠ Divine Service ✠

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Upcoming Acolytes:

1/4: Noah Nye

1/6: Abe Acton

1/11: John Nye

1/18: Noah Nye

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 12/29: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14 – Praise the Lord because, in our Savior Jesus Christ, He leads us all of our days and makes us His people.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 12/30: Read the Epistle lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 – Through His Son, born of the virgin Mary, God has redeemed us and made us His sons and heirs.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/29)
- Wed. 12/31: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 2:13-23 – Even from the day of His birth the world has sought to kill Jesus, but they would not succeed because Jesus had come to lay down His life on the cross.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/29)
- Thur. 1/1: Read the Old Testament lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15 – The Lord alone is wise, able to discern between good and evil. The Lord and His Word are the source of wisdom.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: 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. Amen.
- Fri. 1/2: Read the Epistle lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 – In Christ we have been predestined for salvation and adoption as sons of God. When we hear the Word of God, the gospel of salvation, salvation is given to us with God alone receiving the glory.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/1)
- Sat. 1/3: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 2:40-52 – As a young boy, Jesus honored His heavenly Father, by being in His house and gladly hearing His Word, and His earthly parents, by being submissive to them and growing in wisdom and stature.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/1)

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MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

If you are partaking of the Lord’s Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher. Please also see the communion statement on the inside of the bulletin.

Families and Children:

We are glad you are here to receive the Lord’s gifts together. Your presence is a gift from God and a reminder of Christ’s words: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14)