

# December 3, 2023 9:00 a.m.

# First Sunday of Advent

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# Presiding Minister – Pastor Willie Rosin Reader – Mark Perisho Music Minister – Charles Potter Everlasting Light Liturgy

Happy New Year! Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this First Sunday of Advent! As we begin this new year in the church calendar, we pray that the Holy Spirit would, "Stir up your power, and come!" The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you. We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

## **BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES**

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations Come Johann Sebastian Bach Charles Potter

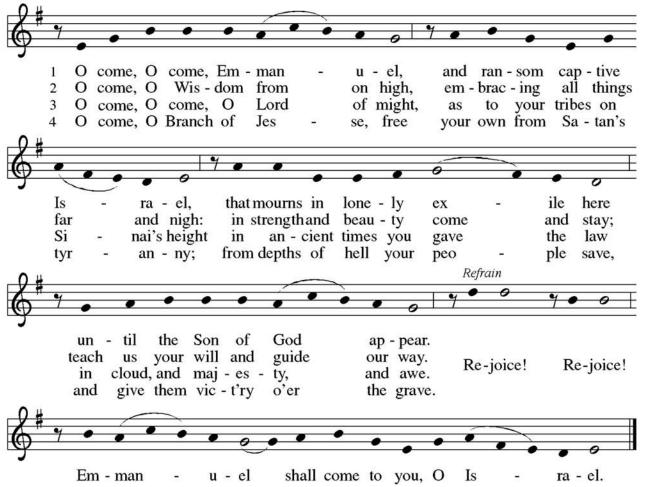
Savior of the Nations Come
Paul Kickstat
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Camil Van Hulse

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

# ‡ GATHERING ‡ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

INTROIT O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Sandra Eithun Zion Bell Choir

+ GATHERING HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1-4 ELW 257 v. 1 – All, v. 2 – Women only, v. 3 Men only, v. 4 All



## Invocation

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

#### Amen.

# **Confession & Forgiveness**

In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the shadows instead of adding to the light. [Silence for reflection] God of Love and Light,

We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the sins of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in shadows. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger. We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt. We let our witness

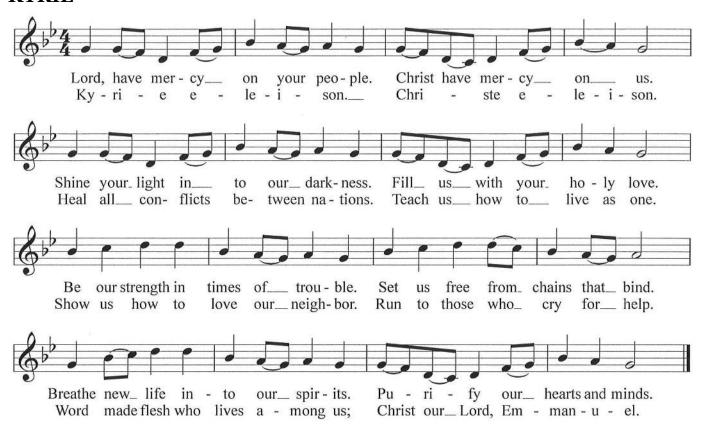
become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely.

Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

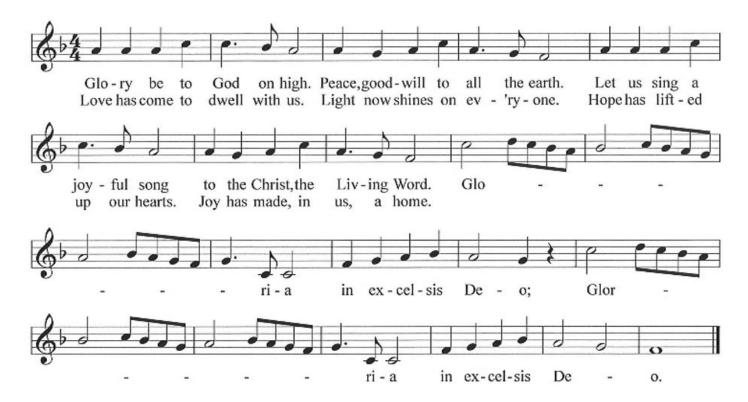
God dwells with us in the Word made flesh, the Babe of Bethlehem, and shows infinite love and forgiveness for all. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ who was, who is, and who is to come.

## Amen.

## + KYRIE



## + HYMN OF PRAISE



## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

# And also with you

Let us pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Light the Candle verse 1



**‡ WORD ‡** 

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

# FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 4O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- <sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.
- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- <sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
- <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

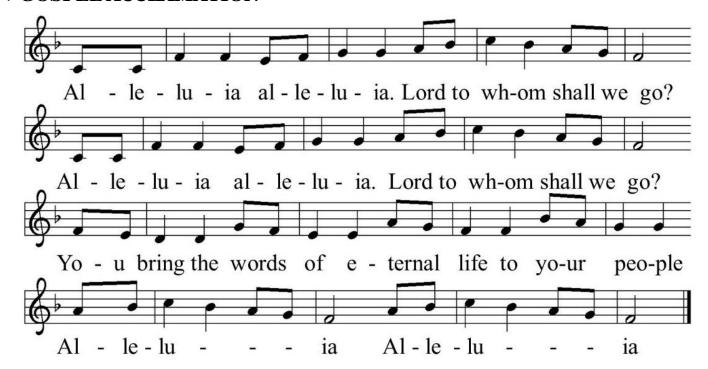
# **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

## + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## + GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 24"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." This is the gospel of our Lord.

# Praise to you, O Christ.



## +NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration, responding to each petition with "hear our prayer".

Lord, in your mercy

## Hear our prayer

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

Amen.

## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

## And also with you

Please take a moment to share a sign of peace with those around you.

#### # MEAL #

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MUSICAL OFFERING O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Theodore Beck

**Charles Potter** 

## + OFFERING PRAYER

God of Light, our world is filled with shadows.

Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time, and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen

## + THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

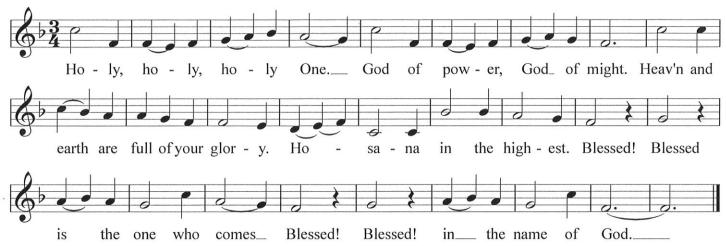
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

## + PREFACE FOR ADVENT

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.... we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

# + HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

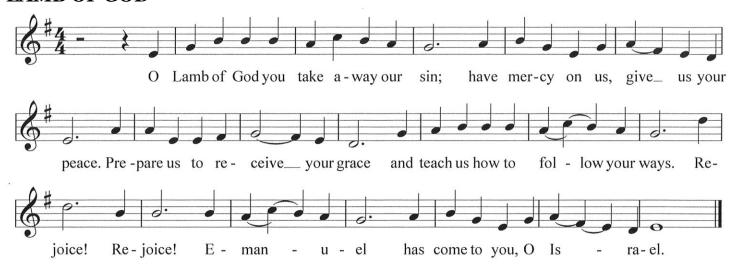
## + THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

# THE DISTRIBUTION LAMB OF GOD



# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ELW 253, 487, 488, 262 ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



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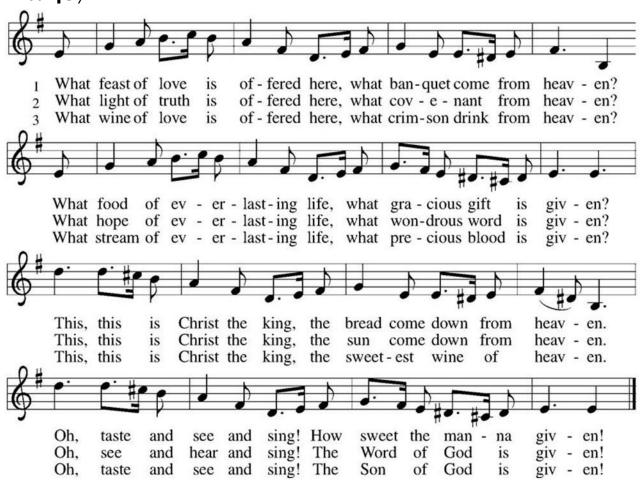
he came down that we may have joy;

hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

## **ELW 487**



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

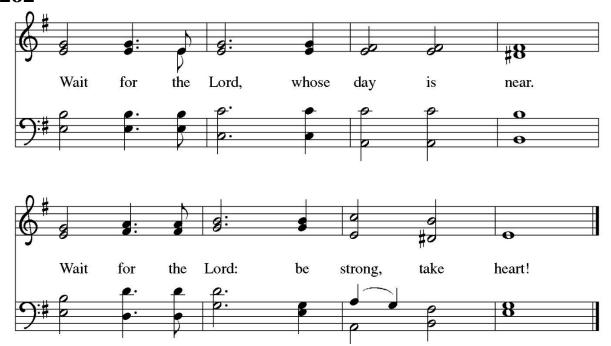
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## **ELW 488**



Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## **ELW 262**



### + POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace,  $\pm$  now and forever.

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your love, justice and peace. We ask this in your holy name. **Amen.** 

### **‡ SENDING ‡**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

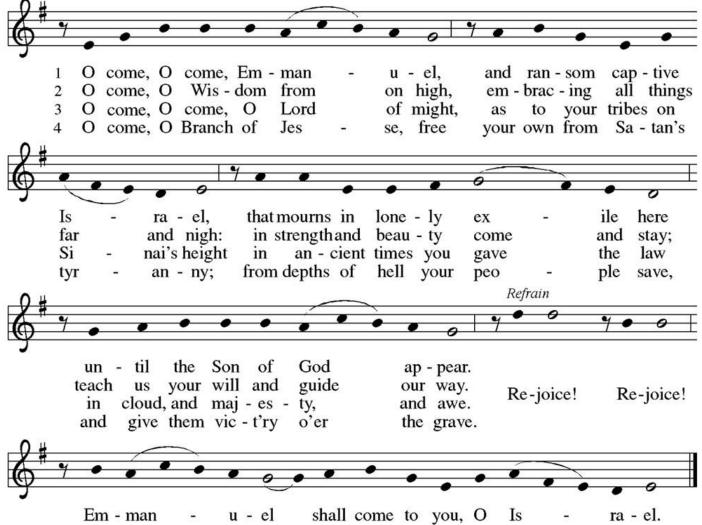
The leader addresses the assembly.

### + BLESSING

God who spoke light and creation into being, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

#### Amen.

## v. 5 – All, v. 6 – Women only, v. 7 Men only, v. 8 - All



- 5 O come, O 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
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Refrain
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent. Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

### + Dismissal

God in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations Come Johann Sebastian Bach Charles Potter

# ‡Happening This Week‡

| 9:00 a.m. Worship                                     |
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| 10:30 a.m. Fellowship                                 |
| ABC's Practice  |
| Adult Bible Study                                     |
| 6:00 pm. Worship                                      |
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| Noon Lunchtime Potluck                                |
| 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study                           |
| 12:00 p.m. Christians Underground @Geo John'z         |
| 6:00 FFN @ Grace Lutheran                             |
| 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir                                  |
| 7:00 p.m. Choir                                       |
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| 6:30 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes L-M School |
| 5:30 p. m. Finish decorations                         |
| 6:30 p.m. All Committee Meeting                       |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship                                     |
| 10:30 a.m. Fellowship                                 |
| ABC's Practice  |
| Adult Bible Study                                     |
| 6:00 pm. Worship                                      |
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# **‡Serving In Ministry**‡

|                          | 12/3                    | 12/10                | 12/17               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| ACOLYTES                 | Preston Schroeder       | Mitchell Taylor      | Lexi McCleary       |
| A.M./READER              | Mark Perisho/R          | Sara Reusswig/AM     | Bob Nicolai/AM      |
| COMMUNION<br>ASSISTANT/S | Mark & Sarah<br>Perisho | Terri Hanson         |                     |
| HOSPITALITY              | Ushers                  | Council              | Finance             |
| GREETER (S)              | Jim & Julie Haage       | Bill & Marissa Toyne | Charlie & Jan Drumm |

| Total Offering Received<br>For Week 11/26/2023                 | \$3871   |
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| YTD Offering Received  | \$203548 |
| Remaining Weekly Offering<br>Required to meet Weekly<br>Budget | \$ 11235 |

| YTD Food Pantry | YTD Laundry Love | YTD Quarters for Hunger |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| \$1365          | \$290            | \$249.15                |

## **‡Announcements**‡

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Evelyn Christophersen, Billy Rueckert, Rev. Bill Dyar, Rodger Roskens, John Robinson, Leroy Spaulding, Pat Tiecke-Collins, Linda Brady & Evie Marr.

This week is Food Pantry Sunday. Please make a memo for these donations.

Next week is Laundry Love.

This week's altar flowers were provided by David & Sara Reusswig.

Next week's Readings-Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Sunday Evening Worship!! Tonight & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18 @6pm.

**Thursday Dec. 7th** - 5:30p.m. Assemble the trees and any other decorations left to do. Food will be provided.

2024 Flower Chart- sign up for the dates you want while they are available.