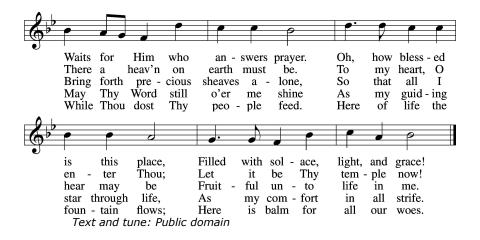
As we gather this morning, we are scattered exiles who await the glorious return of our King, who will shepherd us into the promised land.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary. Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you **The Lord's Supper** is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the 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 this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In the name of the Father and of the \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathcal{C} Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- \mathcal{C} But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

SFRVICE OF THE WORD

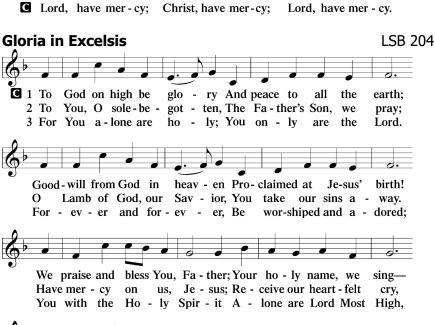
Introit

- P In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
- \mathcal{C} the home of righteousness.
- P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
- C let me know how fleeting I am!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
- C and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
- C My hope is in you.
- P Deliver me from all my transgressions.
- \mathcal{C} Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
- \mathcal{C} For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
- All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new

heaven and a new earth,

\mathcal{C} the home of righteousness.







Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day

of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in iustice. . . .

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³²Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, 36I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me. '37Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

⁴¹"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

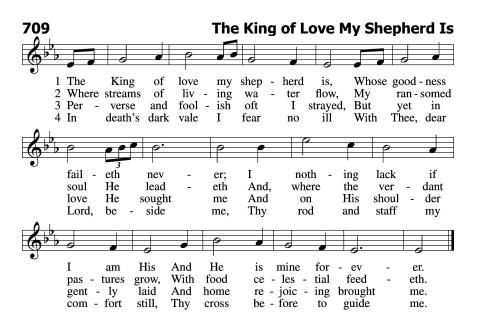
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- \mathcal{C} Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 \top of the world to come. Amen.



Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon Text Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Sermon "Sheep of the Shepherd King"

1. Our Lord is _______.

2. Our Lord is also ______.

(9:30) Adult Choir "With Songs of Thanksgiving"

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Thanks be to God with songs of thanksgiving. Thanks be to God, sing praise to His name. We celebrate living with songs of thanksgiving to God, who has blessed us and cares for us all. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God!

¹We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, sing praises to His name He forgets not His own.

²Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

³We all do extol Thee, our Leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be; let Thy congregation escape tribulation; They name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

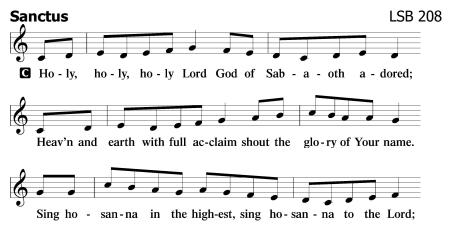
Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- \mathcal{C} And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

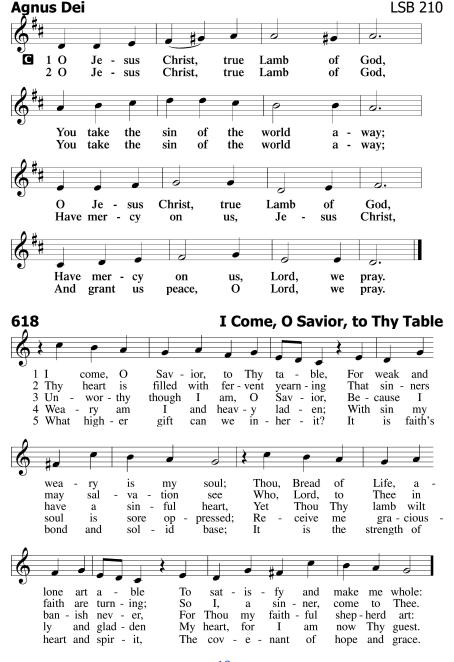
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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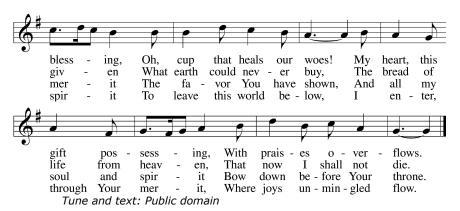
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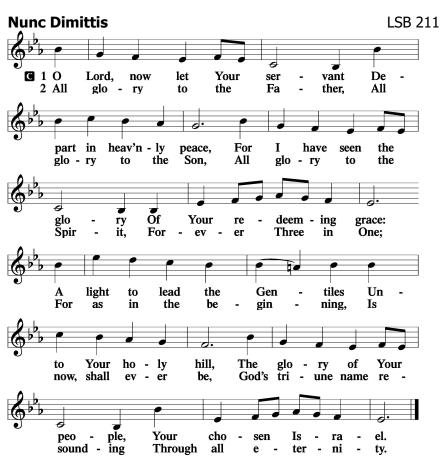












Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

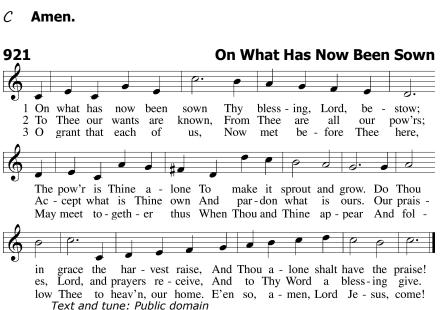
C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- \mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.



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The Board of Christian Education Needs Your Help!

The Board of Christian Education is collecting candy to fill the Christmas Goody Bags for the December 16, 2020 Children's Christmas Service. We are asking if you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to help fill up the goody bags. There is a tub in the Narthex to place the candy. Thank you from the BCE

<u>"CHEER TINS"</u> for home-bound members. LWML will be filling tins for delivery. Please bring 18-24 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED items to the church kitchen on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13. Any donations are appreciated. Thank You!

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) St. Paul's School Update

St. Paul's has participated with the Indiana Lutheran SGO over the past 2 years and below is a summary of the success to date:

- ➤ To date over \$ 26,000 in donations have been made to the SGO for the benefit of St. Paul's School.
- ➤ These donations have fully funded Tuition Aid requests from school families during the 2nd semester of the 2019-2020 School Year and has fully funded both semesters of the 2020-2021 School Year.
- These funds have supported Tuition needs of dozens of St. Paul's students.
- Current balance in our St. Paul's SGO account is approximately \$ 2,000 and therefore we are needed to "build up" for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- ➤ This program has been very positive for our school and our friends and donors given the 50% Indiana State Income Tax Credit.

We would ask for your prayerful consideration in your personal giving plans to continue to support this wonderful program.

St. Paul's School Board

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP- NOV 25TH at 7pm Let's give thanks to the Lord for all He has given to us and continues to give to us!

BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of November 19, 2020: \$79,500

This amount represents just over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

<u>THE CHRISMON TREE</u> will be placed in the church proper on Dec. 5th. Anyone willing to help is welcome. We usually begin by 11:00 am. Thank You!

<u>PEANUT BUTTER</u>: St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. This opportunity to help the children and their families in our school and public school.

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HOPE MINISTRIES: November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's and women's). Place items on tables in Narthex. Thanks!

YOU are INVITED to partake of the Annual Thanksgiving Meal. If you and your family are in need of a dinner, we can deliver to your home or you can pick up your meal. Please sign up on the 'Check-it-Out" board or call the church 546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 20th. We need your name, address and phone number, and the number of people for dinner. May we give thanks to the Lord!

<u>Throughout November:</u> Ingathering for the Ft. Wayne Seminary Food Bank. A box is in the entryway for donations. Non-

perishable items only: food, diapers, personal care products. Your donations are needed and appreciated!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

November 26, 2020 at noon

The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. This is a **carry-out and delivery only**, no dining in. The following items are needed:

20 pumpkin pies 6 Servers

5 Drivers 5 Clean-up crew

We have a Thrivent Action Team card for \$250. We are in need of additional funds for the meal, so if you are moved to help, please place your donation in the offering marked "Thanksgiving Dinner" There will be a sign-up list on the "check-it-out" board. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our own members.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	November 22, 2020
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	11:15 am
Bell Choir	5:00 pm
Adult Choir	6:00 pm
MON:	
Voters' Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Day School and Preschool Chapel	
Prayer meeting	7:00 pm
WED: No School	
Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 pm
THUR: Thanksgiving Day- No School	
Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Delivery or	nly12:00 pm
FRI: No School	
NEXT SUNDAY	,
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Wondering what you can do to help the pastoral selection committee? Let's pray together! Prayer meetings continue each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We meet together in the Narthex for a brief time of prayer lifting up the call committee's work and the ministries of the church. This will be a regular weekly prayer meeting as we seek God's will for the future of

his ministries at St. Paul's. Call Terry Miller if you have any questions 248-1770.

A great way to support St. Paul's Lutheran School

As our goal is to provide a quality Christian education to any family from St. Paul's or from our community, St. Paul's School has participated in the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization for the past 2 years. This has been a wonderful benefit to assist families which could normally not afford tuition costs at our school.

This program has worked very well and provides a real "triple benefit" in that:

- Your donation to the SGO gives families the opportunity for a Christian Education for their children
- Your donation flows back to St. Paul's to be able to continue and sustain our ministry of Christian Education.
- You as a donor receives a 50% Indiana State Income Tax Credit which allows you to maximize your donated dollars. For example, if you donate \$ 1,000 to the SGO on or before 12/31/2020, you will receive back \$ 500 in a direct deduction/refund on your Indiana State Income Tax in

your tax return filing on your 2020 State Income Tax Return (which is filed in 2021).

Please consider a donation to the SGO as friend of our Christian School to support our School and its families along with taking advantage of this tremendous tax savings advantage. If you should have any questions, please speak with Curt Nielsen or Jim Tinkey or any St. Paul's School Board member. Additionally, the details of the program are outlined at info@lutheransgo.org or at 260-203-4509. See the donation form included with the bulletin today *Blessings*, St. Paul's School Board

For Your Spiritual Preparation for Next Sunday, Advent 1

Scripture readings are as follows: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10. Our theme for the day is: "The King Comes...How?", based on the Gospel reading Mark 11:1-10, that we would repent of false, person "kingdoms" and trust in the real reason for Jesus' coming as King.

Sunday School Offerings for the Fall Quarter December 6- February 21

Pre-K -Grade 2 Nazareth Room

This class will be studying the Old Testament lessons.

The Class will be taught by Linda Tinkey.

Grade 3-5 Grade 2-3 Classroom

This class will be studying the Old Testament lessons.

Teaching this class will be Joanna Fox.

Grades 6-8 6-8 Grades Classroom

Our curriculum for this class has been collected by Ken Eichinger and will study the life of Martin Luther

High School Principals Office

Jim Tinkey will lead this study for our high school students .

Adult Class Bethany Room

Jim Russell will lead the adult class through a study of Hebrews.

The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.

December Mission of the Month: Bethesda Lutheran Communities

During 2020 our Sunday School has continued to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

Bethesda's mission is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.

For more information, go to http://www.bethesdalc.org.

Youth News: Youth in Grades 4 through 8 are encouraged to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Service. Practices will be on the following Sundays after the second church service (we will start at approximately 12:30 pm) and last approximately an hour:

- December 6
- December 13
- December 20

We also may hold an additional practice before the Service itself on December 24th. If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer.

Servants for Today's Worship

Administrative Pastor: Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-

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Elder: 1st Kaiser; 2nd

Communion Assistant: 1st Lewis Haug; 2nd Terry Miller