

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Elaine Cook - recovered after fall

Entrusting into God's Care

- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators

- Peace in Europe and throughout the world

- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Jill (friend of Emily Kroemer) - cancer

- Ron Prescott - upcoming surgery on 12/17

- Paul LeFevere - hospitalization

- Tom Larson - health issues

- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury

- Fred Henkelmann - hospitalization

- Kris Larson - recovering after hospitalization

- David (father of Chris Frampton) - recovering after surgery

- Jamie (daughter of Larsons) - health and wellbeing

- Phillip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery

- Duane Pfeffer - recovering after surgery

- Dave Christian - cancer treatment

- Faye Sieck - recovering after hospitalization

- Elda Joyner - recovering at home after surgery

- John Hamm - recovering at assisted living in Waukee

- Angela Yuza - recovering after surgery

- Deb Heitland - health issues

- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Dorothy Freese - Keystone Place

Mourning, friends and family of

- Virginia (relative of Nancy Lee Siebenmann)- died 12/10

- Prudy Petersen - died 12/7

- Ken (brother of Karen Schmidt) - died 11/19

Serving Our Country

- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) - IA National Guard

- Amber (dght of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, stationed in Germany

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard

- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard

- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy

- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, stationed in TX

- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

Servants of Worship

Sunday, December 15

Elder

Rick Foreman

Usher (8:30)

Pete Larson,
Aiden Erickson

Usher (11)

Greg Dunn,
Doug Knutson

Greeter (8:30)

Darrell & Naomi
Chiavetta

Greeter (11)

Aaron & Tracy Moffett

Lector (8:30)

Rick Foreman

Lector (11)

Dave Johnson

Video (8:30)

Greg Dunn

Video (11)

Michelle Hedtke

Sound (8:30)

Tyler Steggall

Sound (11)

Phil Hedtke

Acolyte (8:30)

Annest Hoech

Acolyte (11)

Jack Zimmerman

Nursery (11)

Erin & Natalie Heller

Coffee

Schmith

Sunday, December 22

Mark Holt

Mark Borneman

Dick & Karen Hass

Doug & Jan Demlow

Joseph & Anne Railsback

Nicholas Williams

Emily Kroemer

Mitch Myers

Doug Knutson

Karl Hoech

Aaron Moffett

Brenna Godbey

Sasha Knutson

Natalie Steggall,
Susan Schoen

Kirkpatrick

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Behold, I send my
messenger before your
face, who will prepare
your way before you.

LUKE 7:27

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service III

Musical Prelude & Ringing of the Bells	
Welcome & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #354
<i>Arise, O Christian People</i>	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Phil 4 & Psalm 146
Kyrie, Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 186
Old Testament Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Gradual	Women's Choir & Bells
<i>"O Come"</i>	
Epistle Reading	Philippians 4:4-7
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Luke 7:18-28
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #345
<i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Preface, Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer	
The Word's of the Lord	
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution	
<i>The Only Son from Heaven</i>	LSB #402
<i>Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</i>	LSB #353
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	LSB pg. 201
Closing Hymn	LSB #338
<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	

Notes and Announcements

Our final midweek Advent service will be held this Wednesday, December 18. Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. (pulled pork served by the Elders) followed by service at 7:00. **Advent devotionals** are available at the Welcome Center.

Our **children's Christmas service** will be held today at 4:30 p.m. Please join us to hear our Sunday School students share the good news of Jesus' birth. After service, all are welcome to attend our traditional Birthday Party for Jesus for dinner and cake!

Join us for **caroling, chili, and cookies** on Monday (tomorrow)! We'll meet at church at 5:15 and walk over to Cottage Grove for caroling from 5:30-6:30. Then we'll return to Bethany for chili and fellowship. Feel free to come to either caroling, the meal, or both! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Joy the Comfort Dog (and her people!) will be honored as the recipient of the Corda Heart of the Community Award. Joy's award will be presented at 3:30 p.m. before the Rough Riders hockey game on Sunday, January 5. Let's go to the game for fellowship and to support our comfort dog ministry! Tickets for Bethany members are \$15 per adult and \$5 per kid under 18. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by December 15 (today)! Tickets will be distributed starting December 18.

Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas with **poinsettias**! Plants cost \$10 each and may be given in memory of loved ones. Please place your order at the Welcome Center by December 15.

The LWML (Women's Guild) is collecting money for **Hy-Vee gift cards** for Bethany members in need. Please consider contributing to your fellow members at Christmas. Donations will be collected in a basket at the back of the sanctuary through December 15.

The LWML is hosting a **Christmas bake sale** today! Stop by the table for some goodies to support our women's guild.

The **December evangelism challenge** is to write Christmas cards to send to Harmony Cedar Rapids residents! Please stop by the table outside the sanctuary to fill out a card to bless and live and share God's love with a local nursing home resident.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm 9:45 am Sunday School - Lower Level 9:45 am Adult Bible Class - Family Life Center 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open 4:30 pm Children's Christmas Service
Monday	6:30 am Coffee Outreach 11:00 am Funeral for Prudence Petersen 5:15 pm Caroling and Chili Fellowship 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square 9:00 am Walking for Exercise - Lower Level 1:30 pm Prayer Group - Bethany Library 6:00 pm Handbells
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion 6:00 pm Advent Meal 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 6:15 pm High School Youth 7:00 pm Advent Service 7:50 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise - Lower Level
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:30 am Blood Pressure Check 9:45 am Sunday School - Lower Level 9:45 am Adult Bible Class - Family Life Center 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Join us for Christmas Services

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.