

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

In this month of December, we find ourselves getting ready and preparing for many things, such as gatherings with family and friends, gifts to get and give to others, traditional treats to be made, and decorations for the season. The foremost preparation, of course, is for our Savior's birth. Today we are reminded of another time of preparation that would be after Jesus' birth and prior to His earthly ministry—that of John the Baptist, who would prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our busy times of preparing to celebrate this season, today we draw our focus on and give thanks for the one who would raise valleys, level mountains, and make straight the paths for Him.

**PRELUDE** “Light of the World” -Michael Card

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today, as we light our second candle, we call to mind another aspect of Christ's coming that Advent celebrates: His second coming. Jesus promised to come again, and when He does, He will judge the earth. We see this coming for judgment reflected in our reading from Malachi. “But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears?” The text also says, “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.” By faith in Christ, we will be ready for our Lord's second coming, and will have nothing to fear. We live by faith as we wait and watch for His return.

As the candles are lit to remind us of Christ's first and second comings, we sing stanza three of “Once He Came in Blessing.”

“Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing”

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4; Luke 3:5–6; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: Malachi prophesies about and John the Baptist fulfills the call of the one who would prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist would preach a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, too, seek the forgiveness our Lord has promised, and our Savior gives us assurance as we come before Him in humble repentance.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and prepare again to receive Him who came in our flesh, comes through His Word, comes in His body and blood given and shed for us, and promises to come again, let us stand before Him in humble and contrite confession. We confess,

**People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and left undone, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

Pastor: We have not loved the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,

**People: and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: We justly deserve present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we ask You to...

**People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

**People: Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

Pastor: 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.

**People: But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**

Pastor: Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

**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.**

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

**KYRIE** *LSB p. 152*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**ADVENT HYMN STANZA** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” st. 1 *LSB 357*

*During the season of Advent, the Hymn of Praise is typically omitted and the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” can be sung in place of it. The hymn looks longingly towards the salvation and coming of Jesus, summarizing our Advent hope.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 3:1–7b* (The messenger to prepare the way of the Lord) “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. 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. 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. 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. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM *Psalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b*

Leader: ...we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**People: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”**

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**People: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.**

Leader: There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever,

**People: whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Leader: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**People: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

Leader: you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

**People: yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

**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.**

Leader: ...we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 1:2–11* (Paul’s thanksgiving and prayer) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 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. 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. For God is my witness, how

I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 3:4b, 6*

Pastor: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

**People: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 3:1–20* (John the Baptist prepares the way)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. 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, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” 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? 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. 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.” And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers 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.” As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 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. 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.” So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *LSB* 344

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

Announces that the Lord is nigh;

Awake and hearken, for he brings

Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

△ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.  
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## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**OFFERING** "Shout to the Lord" -Paul and Betsy

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

**PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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:

### **SANCTUS**

Holy holy holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior, for whom John the Baptist prepared the way proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. We thank You for all the work of Your hands and for all the words You have spoken and kept, as You come to us still now with Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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."

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **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.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away  
All the sin of the world  
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us  
And grant to us your peace

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Prepare the Royal Highway” *LSB* 343

1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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“Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB* 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

2        He comes the pris'ners to release,  
          In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
          The iron fetters yield.

3        He comes the broken heart to bind,  
          The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
          To\_enrich the humble poor.

4        Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
          Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
          With Thy belovèd name.

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“The Advent of Our King” *LSB* 331

1        The advent of our King  
          Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
          In strains of holy joy.

2        The everlasting Son  
          Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
          To set His servants free.

3        O Zion's daughter, rise  
          To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
          The peace He comes to bring.

4        As judge, on clouds of light,  
          He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
          With Him in heav'n to reign.

5        Before the dawning day  
          Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
          The new self now put on.

△        6        All glory to the Son,  
          Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
          Through all eternity.

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## **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**



## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN** “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” *LSB 352*

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram’s promised great reward,  
Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold—  
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.

5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.  
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## **POSTLUDE** “Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn” -Marty Haugen

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *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 seven hundred 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.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS:** Sanctuary Christmas decoration donation slips are available in the narthex. Please indicate your willingness to help defray decoration costs by using the donation slip. Place in the offering plate, hand to an usher, or leave it on Maria’s desk. Donation slips will be available in the narthex through December 25.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will be held on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**ADVENT MEALS:** We will be having luncheons after the midweek Advent services. If you are willing to help set up, serve, and/or clean up for one or more lunches please contact Pam N. In addition to meals served after the morning Advent services, a meal will be served before the evening service. Join us for a light supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Contact Marilyn P if you have questions about the evening meals.

**FALL & CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE:** Emmaus is having a Fall and Christmas decoration sale until 12/14. This is free-will donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. Items are located in the hallway and narthex. Contact either Chris G or Jean G with questions. Thank you!

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Join Concordia Academy’s Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, Choirs, His People, and art students at CA’s 2024 Christmas Concert, “How Great Our Joy!” Performances are Saturday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/christmas](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/christmas) to order tickets online and select your seats.

**FOOD SHELF DONATION IDEAS:** Consider purchasing cereals, crackers, snacks, and personal care items. The cereal section of the food shelf often has no items.

**LWML WINTER GATHERING:** Saturday, January 25 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (655 Forest St N) from 9:30 until 11 a.m., with refreshments or light breakfast beforehand. Dr. Reed Lessing from Concordia University will be the speaker on the book of Jeremiah. Do you need encouragement to remain hopeful despite trials, tribulations and life changes that may cause despair or worry? Dr. Reed Lessing will use his book, *Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah*, to help us see that there is hope for overcoming life’s difficulties. Everyone attending will receive a copy of the book.

**LWML MITES:** Where do your LWML Mites go? Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church: Lutheran Family Service | \$106,000. Lutheran Family Service is launching the “Healthy Together” campaign to support church workers and those they serve throughout the greater Midwest. Church workers and their families can receive Christian professional help to meet the increasing need for mental health, marriage, and family counseling. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-21](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-21).

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Sorrow Welcomed Here” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The church welcomes people, but does it also welcome their problems? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the church should be a place that makes room for both joy and sorrow. (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

## **The Emmaus Thanksgiving Food Bowl results are in:**

On Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, Emmaus contributed 35 bags and packages of food and personal care items to Keystone Community Services. Thank you for all your contributions.

### Final Score

Packers: 17 bags/pkgs weighing 198 pounds

Vikings: 18 bags/pkgs weighing 327 pounds

Total: 35 bags/pkgs weighing 525 pounds

The real winner was the Keystone Community Food Shelf. Thank you!

### **THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tues: 10:30 a.m. Worship Meeting

6 p.m. Spiritual Life Meeting

7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: 11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

6:30 p.m. Worship followed by Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 1 p.m. Emmaus Quilters (SH)

4-9 p.m. Quilting Queens (SH)

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 9 a.m. Sanctuary in use – Practical Services

12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

### **SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Roxann M

MUSIC LEADER: Paul H

SOUND TECH: Marilyn P

VIDEO TECH: Micah G

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Jonny K

USHERS: Alan M, Christine S

COUNTERS: Jenny H, Marilyn P

LECTOR: Janet G

GREETER: Debbie N

ACOLYTE: Hannah K