

Sunday, January 19, 2025
Second Sunday of Epiphany



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve
2000 W. Sixth St. Racine, Wisconsin

Thanks to greeters Sally Neitzel, Thom Bodenbach, and Cheryl Davis, assisting minister Gary Wee, lector Sheri Krenzke, communion assistants Lynn Helmke and Sheri Krenzke, audio-visual technician Todd Jansen, altar guild Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Lindsay Newton, and Joni Reske, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, coffee fellowship Sally Neitzel and Thom Bodenbach, council person in charge Gary Wood, the Senior Choir, Gregory Berg, and organist Randy Fischer for sharing their time and talent with us this morning.

PRELUDE *(A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

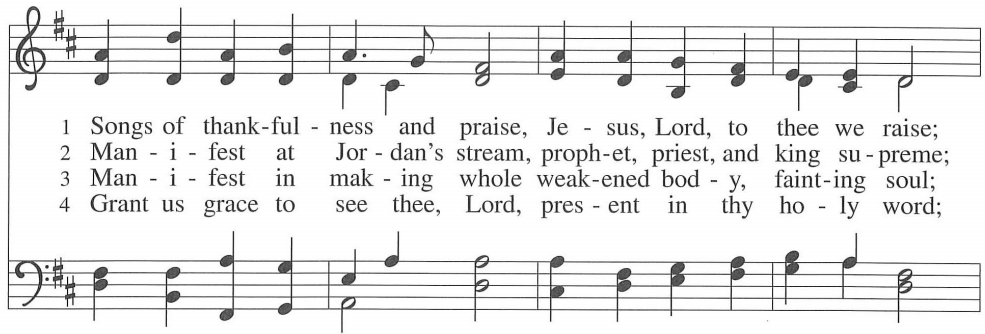
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

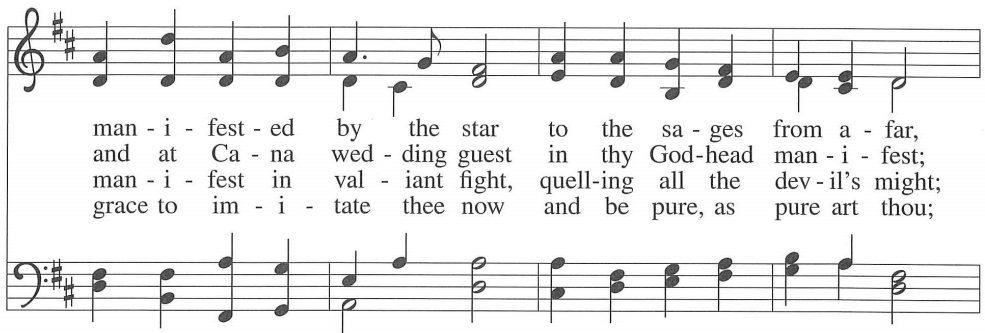
Amen.

*GATHERNG SONG

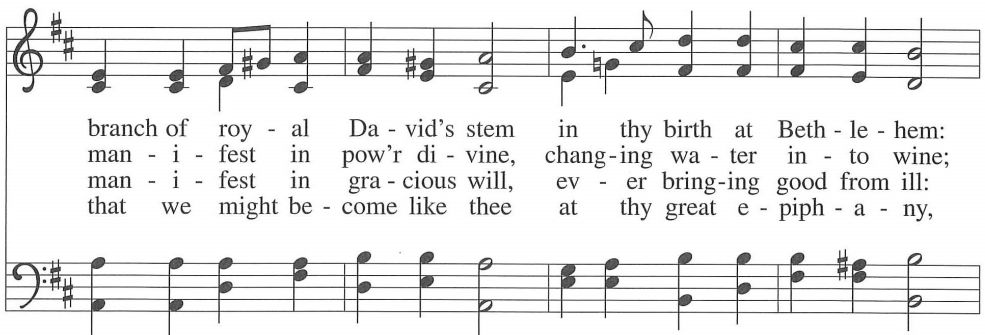
310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



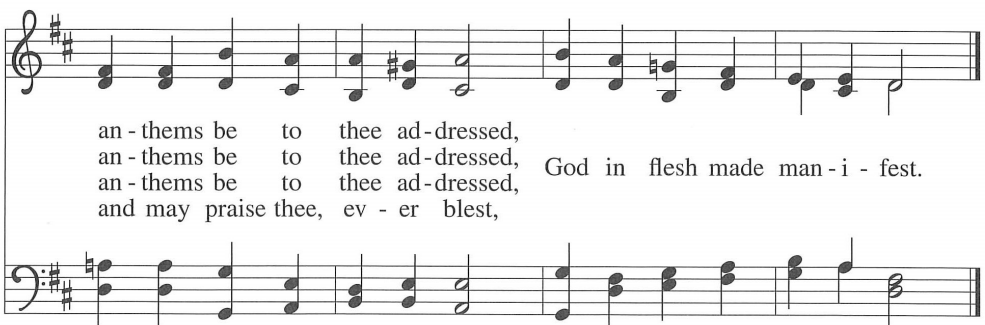
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

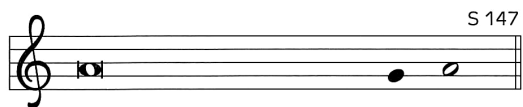
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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



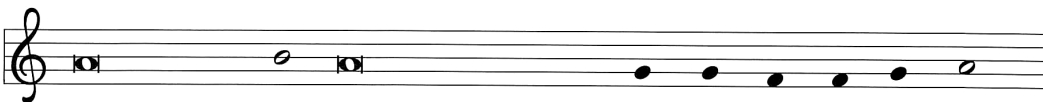
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain
Assisting minister S 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord God, source of every blessing,
you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son,
who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love,
that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM *“Plain Water Into Wonderful Wine”* Senior Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹ For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL:

JOHN 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to John, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Timing is Everything” Part 2 Pastor Mark Doidge

***HYMN OF THE DAY O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright hymn 308 vv. 1, 3, 5, 6**



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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| <p>5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!</p> | <p>6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.</p> |
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it in heaven.
Give us this day is 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.**

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COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

God, Your love reaches to the heavens. Help us to see your handiwork in earth, sea, and sky - and grant us the courage and wisdom to do what must be done to care for our planet, to repair what we have damaged, and to safeguard it for those who come after us. Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

God, Your justice is like the great deep. Give us clarity and new understanding of how we should treat one another - and engender in us a deeper sense of compassion for those whom society has treated unkindly. Strengthen our resolve to build a community, nation and world where all people are valued and given opportunities to grow and flourish. We thank you for the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and pray that we would draw inspiration from all that he sought to accomplish. Hear us, O God.
your mercy is great.

God, all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings. We pray for all people who are suffering today - especially those who for any reason find themselves displaced from their homes and are facing an uncertain future. We continue to hold in our hearts the people of southern California who have experienced such pain and devastation from the fires there. Be present in the midst of their grief, despair and fear, that their hope might be restored. We also pray for first responders that you would sustain them in their critical and difficult work. Hear us, O God.
your mercy is great.

God, with you is the Well of Life. Bring healing and hope to all who are heavy-laden with burdens of illness, injury, addiction, emotional distress, or mental pain - and give help as well to those who care for them. Today, we pray for May all of them and all of us continue to sense your restorative presence. Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

God, in Your light, we see light. Continue to share with us the light of Your love and grace- and help us to be bearers of that light, shared so perfectly in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Randy Fischer, organist

Please join us in the lounge for fellowship.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Beverly Howard, given by her daughter, Marianne Lawson.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for coffee, a treat, and conversation.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you prefer to take communion in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Confirmation Class and High School Youth Groups Meeting Today

The Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 19th. They will begin following worship and meet until noon.

The High School Youth will meet on Sunday, January 19th from 5:00 - 6:30. They will begin in the kitchen where all will help prepare a meal. See you there and come hungry!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet by Zoom during the winter months while Julie Burton is in Phoenix. From 10:00 to 11:30 on January 21st the group will discuss the Gospel of Mark 14:12 to 14:31. In this section, Mark is describing the Passover Feast and how Jesus was preparing his disciples that he would be betrayed and they would leave him to die alone. A tough read to begin the year.

Let Julie know if you want to be included in the Zoom study (262:880-1624 is her cell phone).

Cooking With Class, February 18th

Staci Joers will be back to HCLC on February 18 for an evening of learning, tasting, and fun! Class starts at 6PM and the cost is \$25. Class size is limited and usually sell out so sign up now!

This is the menu for the night:

Endive salad with toasted walnuts, bosc pears, shaved parmesan & white balsamic vinaigrette

Pork piccata with lemon and capers in tangy butter sauce

Roasted green beans with shallots & sliced almonds

Upside-down apple blackberry cake with semi-homemade salted honey ice cream.

Ketchup Club Lunch on January 28th at 11:30

The Ketchup Club will gather at Mrs. Rivers Bakery and Smokehouse, 9604 Durand Ave. in Sturtevant on Tuesday, January 28th at 11:30. We have not eaten at this newer restaurant but have heard rave reviews.

These casual gatherings are a fun way to "catch up" with some old friends and make some new ones. Please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com) or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know if you will be there so we can get a big enough table. But, if you find yourself free at the last minute, come join us! We will happily make room at the table.

Blankets for the Hospitality Center

Do you have gently used blankets you no longer need? We are collecting them for the Hospitality Center at St. Luke's Episcopal Church to give out during the winter months. You can drop your blankets off in the church on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

Noisy Offering Impact

The 2024 Noisy Offering collections from January through May (\$2,107.02) were used to purchase two God's Global Barnyards and one Fish Farm through ELCA Good Gifts. Collections from mid-September through mid-November (\$760.56) were used to purchase socks for the Hospitality Center. The mid-November through December collections (\$398.12) were given to the HCLC Food Pantry.

Food Pantry News

A big, big thank you to all of you who continue to share in the ministry of Christ through your food and monetary donations to the food pantry. It would not be possible to continue in this ministry to feed the hungry in our community without the generous support of this congregation, other area churches, schools, businesses and community organizations.

For the month of January we are asking for personal care items that many of our clients ask about. We are looking for bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste, single toothbrushes, and body wash.

Food Pantry Assistant Position

We are still looking for a food pantry assistant. This is a paid position. The assistant works 21-23 hours per week. Please contact Gregg Albright if you are interested or have questions.

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Altar Flowers for 2025

We are taking orders for 2025 altar flowers. Each vase will cost \$27.00 this year. We have room for two vases of flowers every Sunday. You can take the flowers home after the service or we will share them with a shut in member. The altar flower book is at the scrip table or forms are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and in the welcome center.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, January 19 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

10:30 Confirmation Class

5:00 9th -12th Grade Youth Group

Monday, January 20 - Office Closed

12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, January 21 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, January 22 - 4:00-6:00 Diaper Ministry

Thursday, January 23 - 7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, January 24 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, January 26 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

Monday, January 27 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, January 28 - 11:30 Ketchup Club @ Mrs. Rivers Bakery & Smokehouse

1:00 Quilting Group

Wednesday, January 30 - 7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, January 31 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Finance Update

November Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$57,288.77

Expense: \$40,263.67

Net Income: \$17,025.10

Year-to-date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$495,266.44

Expense: \$485,252.07

Net Income: \$10,014.37

In Person Attendance on Sunday, January 12, 2025- 115