



Lutheran Church –
Missouri Synod

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WORSHIP

Saturday
Praise & Worship
6:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for all ages
9:30 a.m.

Andrew Howe
Senior Pastor

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Associate Pastor

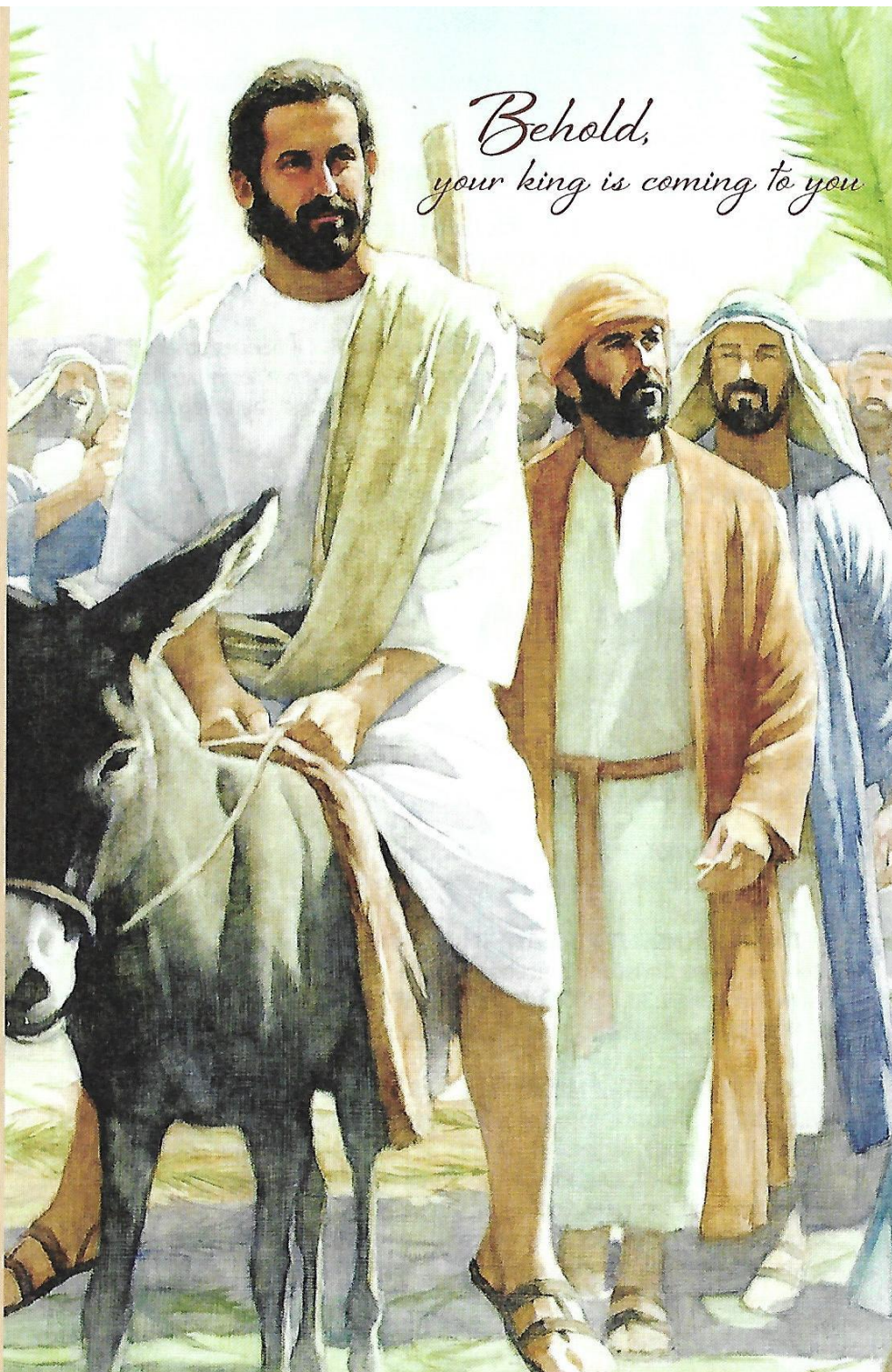
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Music Director

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Director of
Contemporary Worship

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Vicar

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Outreach, Emeritus

*Behold,
your king is coming to you*



As We Gather

"Advent" means "coming." In this first service for Our Dear Christ Enters In special series for Advent, we consider the uniqueness of the family tree that Jesus was born into, and we contemplate how blessed we are to be a part of the family tree of God because of Christ.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymn # 338
(Tune: Hyfrydol)

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 32)

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man against whom sin the Lord counts no iniquity against him
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover up my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"—
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

(Please kneel)

King Jesus,

we confess that we so often give you lip service with our tongues yet deny you with our thoughts, words and actions. We have not placed you first in every area of our lives, nor have we considered all others as better than ourselves. Hear us as we take this moment to confess our sins, especially those sins that are weighing heavily on our consciences right now:

(Silence for personal confession.)

"'Comfort, comfort my people,' says your God. 'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that her iniquity is pardoned'" (Isaiah 40:1-2). In his tender mercy, God has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to you. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Please Stand)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE HOPE CANDLE

Today, we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. God is our hope. He fulfilled His promises from old to give his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the hope of the nations. Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above,

Coming down from the Father of lights.

We gather to celebrate the good and perfect gift of hope

As we wait eagerly for our adoption as children, the redemption of our bodies.

For in this hope we are saved

And in His name we put our hope.

His name is—

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—

Immanuel, Sun of Righteousness, the Desire of Nations, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Yet the name that is above every name is—

Jesus.

In His name we put our hope! Amen.

Jesus, through your sacrifice, you have brought us forgiveness and peace.

THE HYMN:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn #357 (vs 1-2)

(During the hymn, the second candle of the advent wreath will be lit.)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, we prepare our hearts this Advent season for the coming of your Son, who was born into the family tree that began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, continued through Abraham and then to King David. Help us to see that Jesus is the fulfillment of your promise to save your people and make us all a part of your family through His birth, life, death and resurrection. We are your own in Jesus, and we are grateful.

Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15:1-6 *(The Lord's Covenant With Abram.)*

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

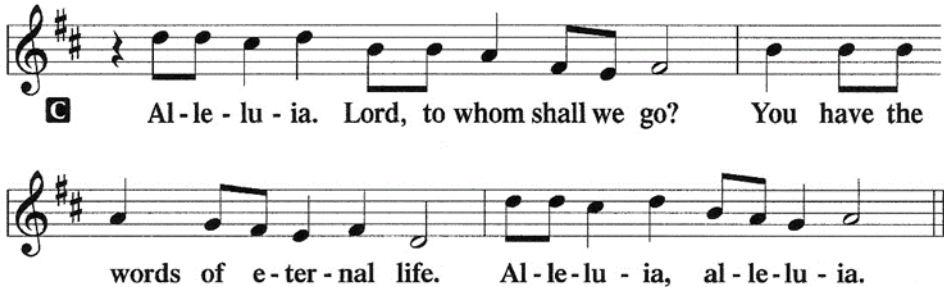
THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 1:1-6 (*Paul was called to preach the Gospel.*)

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

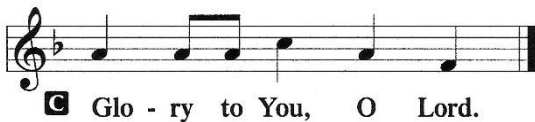
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-17 (*The Genealogy of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*)

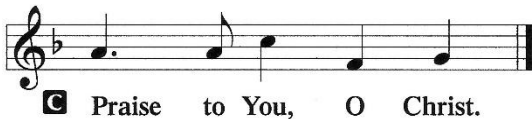
¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE 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.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Vicar Zachary Boeyink

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lo How a Rose E're Blooming"

Hymn #359

THE MESSAGE:

Vicar Zachary Boeyink

TIME OF RESPONSE: *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out, and If you will be coming forward for Holy Communion, please read and sign the "Announcement for Communion" portion of the Attendance Card.), place it in the offering plates, which are located at each entrance of the Sanctuary. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates, preferably before Worship begins. This helps our usher gather our offerings to bring forward and return them before God.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

ANTHEM: **"Comfort Ye/ Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"**

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"O Jesus Christ, who entered into our human family,"* and the congregation will respond, ***"bless us in all we do as the family of God."***

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.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: ***"Hark the Glad Sound"***

Hymn #349

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCAM ALERT- never respond to an email or text from the Pastors or any staff asking for "assistance," a "favor," or even a "please reply to this note." They end up asking for "gift cards." We will NOT reach out in this manner. This year, we have had several phishing scams pretending to be Pastor Andrew. It will likely increase as we near the holiday season. The pastoral staff has resources to help those in need through the alms fund. When in doubt, you can call our pastors directly.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Marvin Hopf (Mike's dad), from Vivian Stilley.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Dawna Dugan, Dina Gossman's sister, from Steve & Jan Kirchoff, Jim & Barbara Morey, Don & Judy Parrott, Vivian Stilley and Mark Dieckmann.

College Midweek Bible Study: This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete (DCEPete@gmail.com) to receive a link.

Join us on Sunday, December 7th for an evening full of food and holiday cheer at the annual Progressive Dinner. Appetizers in The Annex at 5 pm will kick off the night. Dinner follows at 6 m in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts at Jo Drinkhahn or Pastor Andrew's house. Santa will stop by for free photos! Childcare will be available so everyone can relax and enjoy the evening! Tickets are \$5.00 per person and go on sale November 22 at the Information Desk. Stop by to sign up and see more details.

Luke2: A Christmas Story: Mount Calvary is offering each of you a chance to wear a shirt to promote the gospel. How, you ask? The Luke2 project is a faith-based ministry promoting Christian faith and the gospel by wearing a t-shirt. We will be selling after each service on Saturday and Sunday. We will also be available before and after the Advent Services in the Narthex. The T-shirts will be sold at \$15.00 each by cash or check (Mt Calvary Lutheran Church). Credit cards will be accepted, and the cost will be \$16.00, to cover the processing.

Important Update on Make-up Sessions for Directory Pictures: Make up Photo Sessions will not be scheduled until we have at least 30 appointments. Right now, we have approximately 20 appointments on the sign-up sheet at the Informational Desk (families of 4 or more will count as 2 appointments). Potential dates with 30 appointments – December 4th or the 8th, 35-38 appointments – December 13th or the 14th (All pictures are guaranteed to be back before Christmas). Time is running out to secure the above dates. please sign up ASAP or contact Debby Miller 316-573-6565.

Helping Hands Dinner, December 25th: Vicar Zachary is calling for volunteers and donations for this year's helping hands dinner on Christmas day. We are expecting up to 500 people this year which means that we need everything we can get. There is a sign-up to contribute to this ministry in a variety of ways on the information desk as well as a turkey and ham donation sheet. Volunteers are not limited to Mt. Calvary members, so if you know anyone who is interested please reach out to them or let the vicar know in writing so he can reach out. Please ensure that all donated meats are cooked beforehand. See Vicar Zachary with any additional donations or if you have any questions. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord"- Proverbs 19:17

Angel Tree: The Angel tree is now up in the Narthex and individual angels have been placed on the tree. We have requests from individuals of all ages. There are also gift card requests for Family Promise. Return your gift in a gift bag with the angel you chose attached to the handle or outside of the bag and place it in the conference room located directly across from the office kitchen. Gift Cards can be placed in the small red "Gift Card" box on the bookshelf in Vicar's office. Please have all gifts ready for distribution by December 7th. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support!

Pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory in October are in.

You can pick yours up at the Information Desk.

The date for makeup pictures is December 4th. Please stop at the Information Desk to sign up for your appointment time. Either Marcia Brighton, Mike Hopf or Debby Miller will be there to help after each service.

Young Adult Bible Study: The young adults meet at Sonja and Pastor Pete's (413 Erin Way) from 8:30-10 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

TODAY (November 30th) – Hanging of the Greens: *Come one, come all* as we work together as a one church body to prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons—many hands make light work. We will begin immediately following the 10 am service.

Christmas Party Schedule for Youth/Young Adults: Participants are asked to bring their favorite holiday goodie to share for each of the following parties.

Middle School – Friday, December 5th, 6-8 pm in the Annex. Youth are also asked to bring \$10 to help cover the costs of the Angel Tree presents we will be shopping for as part of our party.

College/Young Adult – Sunday, December 14th, 6-9 pm at Sonja & Pastor Pete's home. Participants are also asked to bring a gift (valued around \$15) for the exchange.

High School – Sunday, December 21st, 6-8 pm at Sonja & Pastor Pete's home. Participants are also asked to bring a gift (valued around \$15) for the exchange.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

John Stadler, Joan Smith's brother, who is having heart issues and awaiting to see a cardiologist.

Mike Ming, Nancy Branscom's nephew, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Lisa Starkman, continued prayers for healing.

Malaki, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's grandson, who is battling an illness.

Andy, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law, who is battling an illness.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who is having some ongoing health issues.

Joan Steese, who is having some health issues.

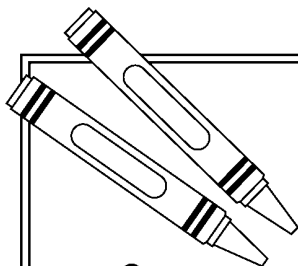
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Keep In Your Prayers

Jay Fortner (Vicar Zachary's friend), Barbara Bauman, Susan McEachern, Barbara Mabee, Sue Glaser, Chris Mabee, Keith Busha, Pat Aldredge, John "Jack" Trichinotis (Cynthia Trichinotis' grandson), Laura Harper, Charles Hudock (Carol Yeager's brother), Shelly Bowen Carson (Amy White's friend), Nick Kesler (Liz Hunter's brother), Frank McVay (Tony's father).

Those Battling Cancer

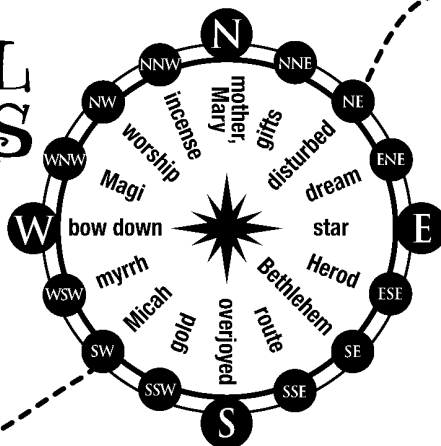
Pastor Aaron Sterling, Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Sillence and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).



Just for KIDS

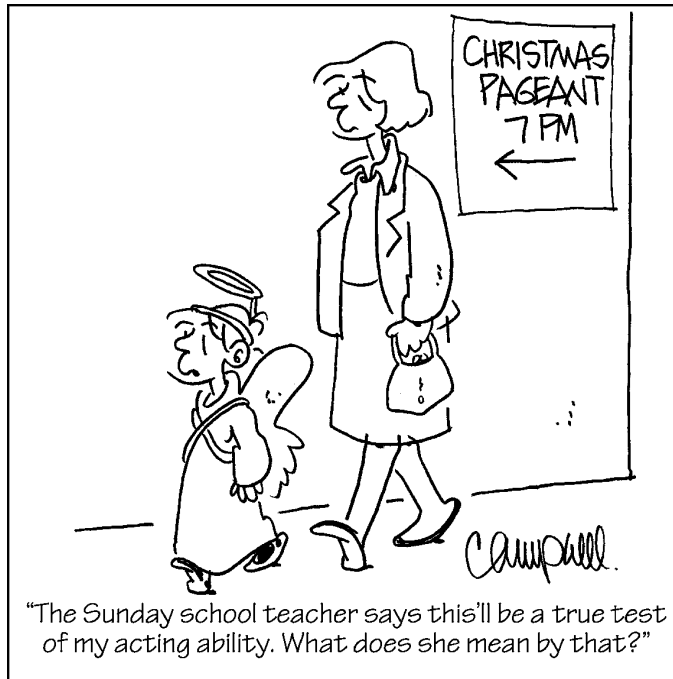
SPECIAL VISITORS

Matthew 2 tells of visitors who traveled to worship Jesus. Read that story, or see if you can answer the questions below from memory. Use the compass guide to fill in the correct answers.



1. Who was king during the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
3. How was King Herod feeling about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men and told them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. What did the Magi do first before they worshiped the child? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW)
_____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as ... _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod, 2. Magi, 3. disturbed, 4. Micah, 5. Bethlehem, 6. worship, 7. star, 8. overjoyed, 9. mother, Mary, 10. bow down, 11. gold, incense, myrrh, 12. gifts, 13. dream, 14. route



SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Zachary Boeyink. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDER:** Eric Gossman
ACOLYTE: Cate Christmas. **USHERS:** Open. **LAY READER:** John Hunter. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia
Brighton, Toli Van Buskirk & Carrie Wurdeman. **GREETERS:** Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open. **ACOLYTES:** Lily Beecher (Wed), Jude Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Alyssa Curenton
(Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Carol Yeager (Wed 6:30 pm), Ginger Martin (Sat 6 pm), Steve
Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Chuck Mollenkopf (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Toli
Van Buskirk & Carrie Wurdeman (Wed, Sat & Sun). **GREETERS:** Open.

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday – 32 Early – 69 Late –107 Total – 208

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
	6:30 pm	Christmas Decoration of the Annex (High School)
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Tuesday	3:34 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:00 pm	Elders
Wednesday	10:00 am	Morning Glories
	12:00 pm	Advent Worship
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	8:30 pm	College Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday	6 – 8 pm	Middle School Christmas Party
Next Sunday	5 – 8 pm	Progressive Dinner