



Holy Communion Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's Work, Our Hands

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December 2, 2018 – First Sunday in Advent

Luke 21:25-36, Psalm 25:1-10, Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13



9:00 **Unity Breakfast** (in the small kitchen)
Pastor's Forum - Jeffcoat Fellowship Hall

10:00 Service Communion Assistant – Gabe Kinsey
Lector – Corie Watkin
Cantor – Don Silsbee & Rachel Harris
Acolyte(s) – Gabe Kinsey
Hospitality – Corie Watkin (Unity Breakfast)



Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.- Amen

This weeks altar flowers are given "To the Glory of God", by Rachel Harris, in honor of the donor who saved her life and many others.

Pastor's Corner

"Not everyone can wait: neither the sated nor the satisfied nor those without respect can wait. The only ones who can wait are people who carry restlessness around with them."
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas

WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS. This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. We hope you will experience God's blessings during this service of worship as we have been blessed by your presence.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS ABOUT EXPECTATION. God's people have always lived in great expectation; always a people "on the way, or "of the way," referring to Jesus Christ who is the way, truth, and life. Today's readings point to Christ, the righteous branch that would come from David's line." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." With them we eagerly await the coming days and the promised fulfillment of the heavenly kingdom.

SADLY, OUR ROAD SIGN WHICH HAS WELCOMED so many over the years to Holy Communion Lutheran Church, was the casualty of an unfortunate automobile accident before Thanksgiving. Once the dust settles, your Church Council anticipates a comprehensive study of our campus signage and replacement project. **Tori Wallace-Babcock** has been appointed to chair this significant endeavor for us. Thank you, Tori!

LET THERE BE LIGHT! Thanks to Adam Babcock, Chris Carlsen, David Fila for forming a re-lighting crew here at Holy Communion. We are in the process of replacing old fluorescent lighting with energy-efficient LED fixtures. The kitchen of the Gillespie Community Center is the first showroom to be completed.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED IN helping to prepare our worship space for the Advent-Christmas season that is before us now. The next four weeks of Advent anticipate the coming of the natal Christ, as well as his second coming at the end of the ages. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" is the prophetic cry!

DON'T FORGET TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! Thanks to Glenn Dawn for offering to take photographs for our new pictorial directory. Glenn has created his "studio" in the small kitchen and will be taking photos before and after services, on Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 1:00 pm, or by appointment.

DO THE LETTERS "R-M-D" SOUND FAMILIAR? They stand for "Required Minimum Distribution" which is a mandate of the IRS for those who have reached age 70-1/2 to withdraw from earnings in their retirement accounts. Several of our members have discovered that RMD gifts given to the church are exempt from taxes AND are tax-deductible as charitable giving. Consult your tax advisor to see if this is an option for you. And thank you for every way that you return to God that which God has first given to you!

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS PACKING OVER 60 BAGS EACH WEEK! This makes a BIG difference for children at risk for hunger – and is an effort that requires many resources of foodstuffs. We are grateful for the abundant generosity of so many that make this possible for children at our local Woodland Heights Elementary School. Please stay tuned for particular items that this ministry is especially needful of. Thank you!

RECOVERING AT HOME: Glenn Dawn, Jeannie Dawn, Jeff McTeer, Ken Messer, Terri Silsbe, Floyd Thompson, Pat Voigt

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS (Members) Glenn Dawn, Jeannie Dawn, Ed England, Readona Gallagher, Barbara Mathis, Jeff McTeer, Kenneth Messer, Terrie Silsbe, Floyd Thompson, Pat Voigt, Keith Wintenburg; (Family/ Friends) Beth Alford, Horace Barrett, Eli Clark, Sandra Friddle, Jill Green, Pastor Jill Henning, Irene Hucks, Gloria Johnson, Lucye Kaplan, Tamara Koellner, Andrea Massey, Marcelle Messer, Dakota Miller, Rob Montie, Lanny Moore, Pastor Mike Shackelford, Logan Smith, Jim Spigner, Christal Stack, and Jane Tessem. NOTE: Please remember to update me about any prayer concerns. Thanks!

Joyfully in Christ +
Pastor Alan

2018 HCLC Church Council Members:
President - Keith Bird, Vice President - Blaine Childress, Secretary - Dee Camp,
Jeff McTeer, Phil Shin
Financial Team: Treasurer - Delaine Childress, Financial Secretary - Terri Silsbe



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OUR SCHEDULE!

Office Hours- Tuesday-Friday - 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 5	Directory Photos	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Small Kitchen Classroom
	Pastor's Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Office Sitting Area
	Back Pack Ministry	12:00 noon	Jeffcoat Fellowship
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Choir Room
Thursday, Dec. 6	Shepherd's Voice	8:00 p.m.	Choir Room
	LEFA Community Meal	3:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Gillespie Center



December 7 – Ed England
– Keith Wintenburg
December 8 – Barbara Leaird

VOLUNTEERS are STILL NEEDED

Please sign up on the bulletin board To assist with services each Sunday!

We need the following:

- Communion Assistant
- Ushers
- Lector
- Acolytes & Crucifers
- Altar Flower Donations
- Nursery Volunteers
- Sound Board
- Cleaning the Church
- Unity Breakfast



Please help serve your church and your fellow members.



Q: Jeremiah is often called the "_____" prophet, because his prophecies were about terrible things that were going to happen to the people who refused to repent.

- A: Major
- B: Weeping
- C: Zealous
- D: Joyful



Church Photo Directory



We are creating a new **"Church Family Directory"**. This will be a Great tool to help us put names with faces as our church continues to grow. Please plan to participate and be a part of this very important project. The plan is as follows:

The photographer (Glenn Dawn) will be at church ready to take your portrait photo(s) on the following dates and times:

Sunday, 12/02/18 – 9:00 am – 10:00 am (and after service until 1:00 pm)

Make up dates are forthcoming.

If these dates or times will not work in your schedule we will be happy to make an appointment so you can participate. Just call Glenn at (515)491-8278 to schedule a time.

We know that pets can be an important member of your family. If you desire, and can control the fur babies, bring them along so they can be part of the family portrait.

There is NO FEE for the photos sessions. If there are portraits that you'd like prints of, Glenn will provide you with file copies so you can have them printed at your discretion.

LAST WEEK AT CHURCH (November 25, 2018):
10:00 Service Attendance: 46

Bible Trivia Answer
Weeping. (Jeremiah 9:1, 13:17)



Remember to get your order form for the Christmas Poinsettias to be displayed in the Sanctuary.

Forms and details are located in the Narthex.



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