



Holy Communion Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's Work, Our Hands

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December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55], Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10



- 9:00** **Unity Breakfast** (in the small kitchen)
Pastor's Forum - Jeffcoat Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 Service** Communion Assistant – Michael Owens
Lector – Corie Watkin
Cantor – Don Silsbee & Rachel Harris
Acolyte(s) – Gabe Kinsey
Hospitality – Inez Golden (Unity Breakfast)



*Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might, free
us from the sin that binds us, that we may
receive you in joy and serve you always, 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 Helen & Melton Roof, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Pastor's Corner

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew." — St. Francis de Sales

ADVENT TIME IS PUNCTUATED TIME. Even though the world marches on in chronological time, the season of Advent reminds us that our horizontal lives have been punctuated by God's holy presence. We are filled with a savory distinction that is both intriguing and confusing to many around us. As the angel spoke to Mary, saying, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you," so also are we mindful of the ways God has spoken to us in personal, powerful ways. Our spirit rejoices when we recall how God has punctuated our otherwise ordinary lives with grace and mercy!

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.

PASTORAL CARE – Please let me know if you or a member of your family are hospitalized or in need of pastoral care. Contact me through the church office at (864) 576-1953 or on my cell at (843) 901-9969. You may also ask the hospital chaplain to contact me. You would honor me in allowing me lift you in prayer, to provide a visit or help you in any way possible.

THE CHURCH IS HERE – EVEN WHEN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES are precluded by inclement weather. Clearly, God saw the need for many churches, including ours, to take a sabbath rest and worship in our homes during the recent winter storm. Yet even when we are not together in worship, the many ministries of Holy Communion continue. Holy Communion is here touching lives because of your faithful financial support. So, thank you for remembering to mail your offering even when we are unable to meet together.

OUR PRAYERS REACH OUT FOR THE FAMILY OF Richard Smalley who died following a lengthy illness this week. Rick was connected to several here at Holy Communion through *Smilemakers*. "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord.

SO, WHO ARE YOU INVITING? With the holidays upon us, now is the perfect time to invite your friends and family who do not have a church home. As Christians, we care called to bring others to Christ and there is no better time like the present. Let's share the story of our Savior's birth and what it is like to feel loved and be part of a church family. So, who are you inviting? So, pray about this and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Then be sure to make a list and invite them. You will be making a huge difference in someone's life by sharing this invitation of God's love. Can there be a better gift?

THE PICTURES ARE COMING BACK – Even though our gracious photographer has been beset by illness and caregiving himself, the lights and camera will return to action very soon! Thank you to Glenn Dawn for sharing your marvelous talent. If you have already had your photographs taken, please check with me as I have a DVD of your photo session hat you may use for prints, etc.

REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Ed England, Marie Lafayette, Audrey Stier, Catherone Tilley

RECOVERING AT HOME: Jeff McTeer, Ken Messer, Pat Voigt, Maxine Eichman

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS (Members) Glenn Dawn, Jeannie Dawn, Ed England, Readona Gallagher, Barbara Mathis, Jeff McTeer, Kenneth Messer, Terrie Silsbe, 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, Jim Spigner, Christal Stack, and Jane Tessem. NOTE: Please remember to update me about any prayer concerns. Thanks!

Joyfully in Christ +
Pastor Alan

2019 HCLC Church Council Members:
President - Keith Bird, Vice President - Blaine Childress, Secretary - Dee Camp,
Adam Babcock, Melton Roof, Greg Moore
Financial Team: Treasurer - Delaine Childress, Financial Secretary – Tori
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Merry Christmas

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

Monday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Sanctuary
with Candlelight & Communion

Tues & Wed. Dec 25-26 OFFICE IS CLOSED – Merry Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 20 LEFA Community Meal No LEFA This week.



December 23 – Jean Harrill
– Barbara Mathis
December 26 – Eric Worley
December 29 – Derelyn Johnson



A contribution to HCLC has been received in honor of Dorothy Bird from Dee Camp.



Q: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for:

- A. surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
- B. he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant;
- C. he has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy toward them;
- D. he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

VOLUNTEERS are STILL NEEDED

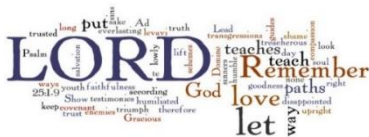
Please sign up on the bulletin board To assist with services each Sunday!

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.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 23rd - 4th Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

- 7:00 p.m. Worship with Candlelight and Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30th - 1st Sunday of Christmas

- 10:00 a.m. Service of Six Lessons and Carols

(No Communion)



A Message from Don Silsbe



This Sunday, I have the privilege of singing a beloved Advent hymn, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People". It was written in 1671 by the famous Lutheran hymn writer Johannes Olearius.

When I sing these old hymns, they connect me with fellow Lutherans who have sung them for nearly 350 years. Not only do I find the words inspiring, but this awkward old medieval tune has worked its way into my heart as well. I hope you find it as pleasing to hear as I will enjoy singing it.

LAST WEEK AT CHURCH (December 16, 2018):

10:00 Service Attendance: 63

Bible Trivia Answer:
B. he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant; (Luke 1:48)



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For comments, questions, or additions, please contact Floyd.Thompson@charter.net or myhcl1@gmail.com



Our Christmas Poinsettias were given by the following:

Charlene & Rick Bingner In Memory of Our Fathers: Charles Bingner & Lloyd Mueller

Keith & Dorotyh Bird, In Memory of Our Family & Friends in Heaven and in Honor of our Family & friends here with us on Earth!

Lucie Boettcher, In Memory of Juergen and in Honor of Michael, Peter, & Steven

Chris Carlsen in Memory of Virgil Carlsen & in Honor of Bette Carlsen

Lynn Carlsen in Memory of My Parents, D.B. and Lilevee Galloway & My Sister Roxanne Galloway

Dee Camp in Memory of Ron Schoch

Blaine & Delaine Childress in Honor of Ann Dobson & Lou Beth Grantham

Ann Dobson In Memory of Hubert Dobson & Curtis Hinkle's mother, And in Honor of Pastor Alan & family

Chris Duncan In Memory of Vernon & Thelma Duncan, Clyde & Eleanor Wrenn, Charles Kelly & Margaret Bryant

Bill & Beth Hager in Memory of Our Parents and in Honor of our Children & Grandchildren

The Harris Family in Memory of the donor who chose to bring us light, Thank You

Pastor Alan & Nicole Kinsey in Memory of Frederick McDuffy Lewis (Nicole's Dad), Trella Janelle Kinsey (Alan's Mom), Clyde Marvin Kinsey (Alan's Dad) and in Honor of Barbara S. Lewis (Nicole's Mom)

Barbara Mathis in Memory of Charles Mathis

Cheryle Moore in Honor of Henry & Reagan Moore

Michael Owens in Memory of William Britt Owens (Billy) & Joanne Bowen

Linda & Keith Wintenburg in Memory of Loved Ones and in Honor of Donald (Linda's Dad)

Thank you all for adorning our beautiful Sanctuary with these lovely plants.

