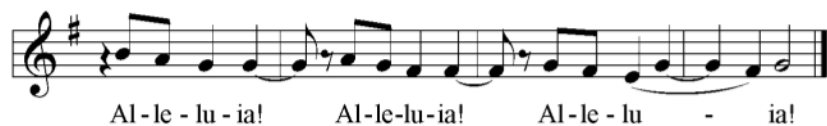


This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	1:00 PM	Pioneers
	2:00 PM	Christmas Caroling
<i>Monday:</i>	3:15 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:30 PM	Choir
<i>Wednesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Advent Worship at Wood Lake
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry Christmas Program
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Practice at SLS
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship

Verse of the Day

The congregation sings this alleluia before and after the proper verse is sung by the minister or soloist.



VERSE OF THE DAY: Stir up Your might and come to save us.

- The Third Sunday in Advent is called *Gaudete*, for the first word (in Latin) of the Introit for the day: Rejoice in the Lord always! (Philippians 4:4) The third candle lit on the Advent wreath is rose to reflect this emphasis. Rose-colored paraments might also be used in some churches on this day.
- The liturgical song “Gloria in excelsis” is omitted during Advent as a season of repentance and preparation. This song of the angels will return on Christmas morning.
- First Lesson: God sends a voice, a messenger to prepare his way—a word that reveals the fleeting nature of mankind, and enduring comfort from our God.
- Second Lesson: Those called to be messengers of God are to be faithful to the unchanging Word of the Lord.
- Verse of the Day: This phrase “stir up” is repeated often in Advent. In the Collect for Advent 1, we pray God to stir up his power and come. Then in Advent 2, we prayed God to “stir up our hearts.” It will then appear in the Collect again next Sunday.

- John the Baptist’s greatness is found in the one to whom he pointed, the one who heals and preaches good news—Jesus Christ.
- **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding:** In the middle ages, this hymn was sung every day from the beginning of Advent until Christmas Eve.
- **Comfort, Comfort, All My People:** Orphaned at age 11, Johannes Olearius became a Lutheran pastor like many in his family. In 1671 he published a commentary on the entire Bible. In the same year, he published a collection of 1,200 hymns, 302 of which were his own, including this one. It was originally composed for the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24).

CANDY BAGS: There will be a free will offering taken today as you leave. This collection will help off-set the cost of the items used in the children’s Christmas bags given out to every child on Christmas Eve.

NO CLASS: Confirmation class and Adult Bible study will not meet this week due to the JCM Christmas program. Both will be in recess until after Christmas.

PIONEERS: Pioneers will be gathering at church today from 1-3 PM for popcorn and a movie. You may also drop off younger children to participate! We will also have some holiday crafts and games for those that may not be able to sit for the movie. Kids are welcome to bring comfy blankets or pillows for the movie if they’d like.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Please, come enjoy an afternoon of Christmas caroling to some of the shut-ins of our congregation, as well as some of the individuals who have not been able to attend Jesus Cares Bible Studies in person. We will meet at Church at 2:00 PM today.

JCM: Jesus Cares Ministry will hold its Christmas service on Thursday, December 16th starting at 6:30 PM. The congregation is invited to attend.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$2,649 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646
\$220 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366
\$145 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
\$10 – Building Improvement Fund
\$47 – Other Receipts
Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2021: \$294,296.86
YTD November 2020: \$304,499.04
Annual Budgeted – 2021: \$397,580.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

Third Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 12, 2021

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #16
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Prayers and Lord’s Prayer
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