

This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
<i>Monday:</i>	3:15 PM	Women's Bible Study
<i>Wednesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Friday:</i>	5:30 PM	Children's Christmas Service at Samuel
	8:00 PM	Candlelight Service
<i>Saturday:</i>	10:15 AM	Christmas Worship at Wood Lake
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
		No Sunday School

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: You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

- First Lesson: The Lord promises a prophet like Moses who will come from among his brothers.
- Second Lesson: The Lord's coming brings joy, peace, and thanksgiving.
- **Come, O Come, Emmanuel:** Drawn from the ancient "O Antiphons," this hymn version was crafted around 12th century. The final antiphon, designated for December 23, is "O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior, Come and save us, O Lord our God." An antiphon like this was appointed as an antiphon for the Magnificat in Vespers for each day from December 17 to 23. The first letter of the Latin names for the Messiah spells out the Latin phrase "ero cras" which means "I come tomorrow."
- Creed: Just as John the Baptist confessed freely about the Christ, so our Christian confession always centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- **God's Own Child I Gladly Say It:** Erdmann Neumeister was a pastor in the early 1700s. He was a firmly-founded Lutheran who wrote and preached extensively against Pietism and other forces seeking to undermine the Gospel in the 17th and 18th centuries. He wrote over 650

hymns, though he is best known for writing the text (libretto) for five cantatas of J.S. Bach. This hymn was written for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

- **As Angels Joyed with One Accord:** This hymn's original final stanza: Then advents there will be no more/ Nor advent signs for grace in store./ We yearn no more once He has come/ And brought His children singing home.

INSTALLATION: Newly elected council and board of education officers will be installed today. At our budget/election meeting Chad Kulla, Arlen Meyer, Gregg Swanson, and Tom Werner were all elected to serve on the Church Council. LeRoy Affolter and Adam Baumann were elected to serve on the Board of Education. May God bless them and the others who serve with wisdom and love. We wish to thank the six men going off – Doug Goodrich, James Hartke, Lennis Kennedy, Rick Kobylinski, Mark Patzer, and Charles Hoflock.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: You will have several opportunities to celebrate the newborn Savior starting with the children's service on Christmas Eve held at Samuel Lutheran School starting at 5:30 PM. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held this year at **8:00 PM**. This contemplative service always has special music and joy as we welcome the light of the world into our hearts and lives with candles illuminating the way. (This service will be recorded and played on the radio on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM.) On Christmas Day you are invited to gather at **10:15 AM at St. John's, Wood Lake** to celebrate our Savior's birth. Any offerings given in Christ Lutheran envelopes at this service will be returned to Christ Lutheran.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This group will not meet December 27th.

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 6th, 2022. Thank you!

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$13,025 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646
\$370 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366
\$410 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
\$0 – Building Improvement Fund
\$51 – Other Receipts
Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2021: \$294,296.86
YTD November 2020: \$304,499.04
Annual Budgeted – 2021: \$397,580.00

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Fourth Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 19, 2021

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #14

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First Lesson – see insert

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Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #23

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Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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Closing Hymn #5

