

This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	7:00 PM	Annual Meeting
<i>Tuesday:</i>	4:00 PM	Basketball at Samuel vs. St. Mary's, Tracy
<i>Thursday:</i>	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
	7:30 PM	Bible Study
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School

Verse of the Day

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

- First Lesson: Israel's confidence is found in God's abiding presence with them, and His glory is found in His grace and mercy.
- Second Lesson: The complementary relationship between a husband and his wife reflects the love of Christ and His Church.
- Gospel: Jesus' changing of water into wine demonstrates his divinity and leads his disciples to believe in him. "In this Gospel you see the mother of Christ directing the servants away from herself and unto Christ, telling them 'Whatever he says to you, do it.' To this word alone you must direct everyone, if you would direct aright; so that this word of Mary is and ought be, a daily saying in Christendom, destroying all doctrines of men and everything not really Christ's Word." (Martin Luther, Church Postils, Epiphany 2)
- **The Only Son from Heaven:** In 1524, Elizabeth Cruciger married Kaspar Cruciger, who at the time was a student at the University of Wittenberg and one of Luther's most devoted and promising pupils. He soon became one of the first Lutheran pastors, and later became a professor and doctor of theology. Elizabeth was a friend of Luther's wife, Katherine, and was described as a woman of rare musical talents and a model wife and mother.

- **How Lovely Shines the Morning Star:** Philipp Nicolai wrote this hymn, often referred to as the "queen of chorales," about 1597 and published it along with three others in an appendix to his short treatise "A Mirror of Joy." This booklet sets down Nicolai's thoughts of comfort and joy in anticipation of his departure from this world to receive the bliss of heaven. During that time a deadly plague was ravaging the city in which he served. This hymn was titled "A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul concerning Jesus Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, founded on the 45th psalm of the prophet David." The initial letters of the German stanzas (W, E, G, U, H, Z, W) form an acrostic referring to Nicolai's friend and former pupil, Wilhelm Ernst, Graf und Herr zu Waldeck, who died of this plague in 1598.
- **Oh, Blessed Home, Where Man and Wife:** Magnus Landstad was a Norwegian Lutheran pastor once called "a bard of the frozen fjords." He once told the story from his school days in Oslo, Norway. He happened upon a book auction and bought a package of old books for four cents. One of the books was Philipp Nicolai's "Mirror of Joy." He immediately set to translate the attached hymns into Norwegian and said that this experience kindled his interest in hymns and hymnwriting.

PANTRY SHOWER: As a way of welcoming Pastor Herold and his family, we will be having a food and pantry shower. There is a tote located in the narthex for you to drop off your items. If you would like to purchase a Hy-Vee gift card for them, please speak to Linda Onken.

ANNUAL MEETING: Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 PM. It is a good way to stay informed about all that your church does. A written annual report will be handed out at the meeting. For those who can't attend the meeting, copies of the report will be available next Sunday.

INSTALLATION: Pastor Herold's installation will be held on Sunday, February 13th at 4:00 PM. A meal will follow in the church basement. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$2,541 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,212

\$195 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$385

\$150 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$0 – Building Improvement Fund

\$10 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD December 2021: \$355,817.64

YTD December 2020: \$352,361.31

Annual Budgeted – 202: \$375,000.00

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, January 16, 2022

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #91

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First Lesson – see insert

Psalms 145 on page 119

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #86

Sermon

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Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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Closing Hymn #503

