

**This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
<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.*

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**VERSE OF THE DAY:** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

- **All Hail You Infant Martyr Flowers:** This hymn by Aurelius Prudentius (348–c.413) is drawn from a sacred ode on the entire life of Christ, made up of 12 long poems. This comes from the 12th poem, “A Hymn of Epiphany.” It was used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents (December 28). This translation and an additional stanza (5) was prepared by Pastor Peter Prange.
- **First Lesson:** The Lord promises to be with Jacob when he goes down to Egypt to escape a famine, and to bring him back again to his Promised Land.
- **Second Lesson:** The Lord promises blessing to the believer though he suffers unjustly. He may entrust himself to God, that He will bring us safely to our promised land, our home.

- **Gospel:** The Lord rescues the child Jesus from Herod in Egypt and brings him safely back in order to deliver all mankind.
- **Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One:** This hymn is Martin Luther’s version of a 5th century Latin poem by the Christian poet Coelius Sedulius. Martin Luther called him *Christianissimus poeta*, “a most Christian poet.” The full poem was called *Paeon Alphabeticus de Christo*. It had 23 stanzas and told the story of the life of Christ from A to Z. Each stanza began with a successive letter of the alphabet. Hymn 91 in *Christian Worship* is also taken from this poem.
- **Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We:** This was the final hymn in a collection of ten Christmas hymns composed by Hans A. Brorson for his congregation. This text was titled “A Little Hymn for Children.”

**EPIPHANY WORSHIP:** An Epiphany service will be held at St. John’s Lutheran in Wood Lake at 7:00 PM on Thursday. All are welcome.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Just a reminder to submit your Annual reports to the office this week.

\*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**TAKE DOWN:** We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after the service this morning. If you can stay and help it would be appreciated.

**SAMUEL BASKETBALL:** The Cougars begin their basketball season this week. Their first game is against St. John’s Redwood Falls this Thursday. Tip-off is at 4:15 PM in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$15,045 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646  
 \$1175 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366  
 \$275 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90  
 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund  
 \$200 – 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.**

**Second Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**Divine Service I**

Opening Hymn – see insert  
Liturgy page 15 (CWS)

First Lesson – see insert

Psalms 18 on page 69

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Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Hymn #46

