

**This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
<i>Monday:</i>	8:15 AM	School Resumes
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion

**SERVICE NOTES FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:**

- **All Hail You Infant Marytr 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 WELS 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 unbeliever 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.
- In **Holy Communion**, Jesus comes to us in his true body and blood. This is a miracle which is only possible because of the incarnation, because Jesus took on human flesh at Christmas. It is in his real human flesh that he lived, died, and rose. Now he gives the benefits of that to us when he gives us this same flesh and blood. In a sense, each time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we celebrate this Christmas miracle: the Word became flesh.
- **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.

**CALL MEETING:** We will hold a call meeting tonight at 7:00 PM to extend a call for a new pastor. Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the candidates.

**EPIPHANY SERVICE:** The Epiphany of our Lord will be celebrated with a festival Divine Service at St. John’s Lutheran of Wood Lake on Wednesday, January 6th at 7 PM. All are welcome.

**VACANCY:** Pastor Johann Caauwe from Wood Lake is serving as our vacancy pastor. If you need to contact him please call 507-828-5136 or email him at pastor@stjohnswoodlake.com.

**LAST CHANCE:** Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Thank you!

\*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If church or other church activities need to be cancelled due to weather we will have it announced on KMHL 1400 AM and KKCK 94.7 FM. You can also check marshallradio.net for cancellations and postponements.

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

\$3,126 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,423  
 \$0 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$346  
 \$10 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90  
 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund  
 \$120 – Other Receipts  
 Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2020: \$304,499.01  
 YTD November 2019: \$309,527.65  
 Annual Budgeted – 2020: \$386,000.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

**Second Sunday after  
 Christmas  
 Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**Service of the Word**

Opening Hymn – see insert  
 Liturgy page 38

First Lesson – see insert

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Second Lesson – see insert

Verse of the Day

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