

BE JOYFUL IN *hope.*
 PATIENT IN *affliction.*
 FAITHFUL IN *prayer.*

Romans 12:12, NIV



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January 1, 2023

**First Sunday after
 Christmas**



Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

Welcome to worship as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

You promise to guide us continually, Lord, and to meet all our needs. May we be your garden, our thirst quenched by your living water. (See Isaiah 58:11.)

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What's Happening

1. In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School Sept.- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Confirmation - Thursday Nights 6 - 7pm
4. Recorded services: Web, YouTube, Facebook
5. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
6. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 -11:30, Friday - drop in for mail.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Mike @ 952-388-3858.

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

- Sunday - God's Word: Sustenance and Sword @ 10:38am
- Tuesday - Men's Bible Study @ 7am
- Wednesday - Women's Bible Study @ 10am
- Thursday - Bible Study @ 9:30am
- Friday - Harrison Bay @ 1pm & 2pm

Acolyte: Randall Berthiaume

Altar Duty for month of January: Debbie Connolly & Heather Berthiaume

Counters: Rita K & Brian P

Reader: Andrew Reinitz

Christmas Eve Attendance: 54

Christmas Eve Offering: \$2,410

Sunday 12/25/22 Attendance: 28

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Order of Service

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Opening Hymn: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63: 7-14

Gradual: Isaiah 9:6; Psam 98:1a

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: What's in a Name

Prayer

Hymn: 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Preface

The Words of Our Lord

Service of the Sacrament

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Hymn: 390 Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

Hymn: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Benediction

Hymn: 352 Let The Earth Now Praise the Lord

Announcements

Treats in the Fellowship Hall

What is Happening This Week?

Jan 1 - New Years Day!

Jan 7 - Christmas Decorations Take Down

Thank you!

To Pastor Lemke for leading our service today!



Many of you are familiar with a long-time member of ours, Bill Weeks. We are sad to inform you that Bill passed away on the morning of 12/27.

Please keep the family

in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas Decoration Take Down

Will be January 7th at 9AM. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated!

Guests

Please sign the guestbook in the narthex.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your dollars starting in January 2023 for your earnings from 2022. You are able to designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your

choice. Call 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by March 31st, 2023.

Please join us for two important events in January 2023:

Join us for a **Ministry Expansion Conversation** on Wednesday, **Jan. 18, from 10 AM - noon**, with representatives from Lutheran Church - Extension Fund (LCEF). We will discuss strengths and weaknesses of our current ministry, and make plans for expanding and improving our ministry to individuals and families in our community. Please share your ideas, concerns, and questions about the future of our church with Pastor Mike before that date, and please plan to attend.

You are invited to a **Christian Life Gathering** on **Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am**. Registration is \$5 and begins at 8:45am. This event is hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone.

Rev. Peter Preus will be presenting **Christians Wrestle with Suicide--Gospel Comfort for the Grieving**. A Christian's suicide can be viewed as a paradox. How can this person, whose hope is focused on Christ and his salvation, apparently give up hope and determine that their life should end? He will address shame, blame, hopelessness and grace. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Rev. Preus' first wife, Jean, committed suicide in 1994. He is the author of *And She was a Christian - Why do Believers Commit Suicide (2011)* and *I Will Grieve for the Suicide (2021)*. He has also written various articles on grieving for the suicide and ministering to the despairing Christian.

You may choose to bring one or more small stuffed toys, or blank journals, pens/markers, and stickers, or a gift card to Michael's or Target for the **Gifts From the Heart** offering at the 1/21 event. These items will be donated to teachers/counselors at Shirley Hills and possibly other schools to help them

encourage children who may be stressed or sad.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

GRADUAL Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born

under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."