

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Virginia Doenges

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST this day is Veronica Rose Wyatt-Kessler. We rejoice that God has called Veronica to be His dear child!

ADVENT SUPPERS & SERVICES continue this Wednesday, December 9. Supper is at 6:00pm and the service at 7:00pm.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will follow the theme of “Now and Not Yet.” Join us as we examine the Old Testament lessons from our Sunday services to see the fulfillment of God’s promises for His people—now, and not yet!

MASK-REQUIRED SERVICES will be held **every** Wednesday at 11:00am *except for* Wednesday, December 30.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is having a short series on Christmas texts, themes, and topics. Join us 12/10 and 12/17 for Luke 2, Matthew 1 & 2, the Star of Bethlehem, and more!

THE GIVING TREE, TOYS FOR TOTS, & SOCKS FOR VETS are all underway! Check them out as you leave today—ending soon!

ENVELOPES AND NEWSLETTERS are in your mailboxes!

CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 6 (Advent 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Dec. 9	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req’d.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Dec. 10	7:30pm Bible Study
Sun. Dec. 13 (Advent 3)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Children’s Christmas Program 11:30am Confirmation TBD Youth Group Christmas Party

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: December 13 / Advent 3

OT: Isaiah 40:1-8

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-10

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

HYMN: LSB 345

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, “*Are you the one who is to come . . .?*” (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The “*stewards of the mysteries of God*” (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.