

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jim Cleveland; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Aiden Snyder; Mason Salomon; Michelle Zeller; Peter Lange; Dan Ludban

**ELDERS & COUNCIL** are installed TODAY at both services. Thank you to all members of our congregation's leadership for your service to our people!

**ELDERS & COUNCIL** meet this Tuesday, January 4, at 6 & 7pm, respectively.

**SPECIAL EPIPHANY SERVICE:** join us this Wednesday, January 5, at 7:00pm.

**THE VOTERS' MEETING** for the first quarter of 2022 is next Sunday, January 9, between services.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** does not meet today! We will begin again next Sunday, January 9, at 11:30am.

**THE YOUTH GROUP** will meet next Sunday, January 9, at 6:00pm. Join us as we plan activities and outings for the second half of the school year!

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Jan. 2 (Christmas 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service Installation of Elders / Council 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study <i>No Confirmation</i>
Tue. Jan. 4	6:00 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council
Wed. Jan. 5	7:00pm Divine Service (Epiphany)
Thu. Jan. 6	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Jan. 9 (Baptism of Our Lord)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 10:00am Rite of Holy Baptism 9:00am Voters' Meeting 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group

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Today's Introit comes from Psalm 8. Here it is again:

Introit: Psalm 8:1, 4-6 (2)

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

**to still the enemy and the avenger.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

What is man that you are mindful of him,

**and the son of man that you care for him?**

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under his feet.**

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

**to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Of this Psalm, Martin Luther writes:

Psalm 8 is a prophecy of Christ—His sufferings, resurrection, and kingly rule over all creatures. This kingdom shall be established by the voice of children, that is, it will be established by Word and faith alone, not by sword or armor. This psalm belongs to the First Commandment, specifically that God intends to be our God, and the Second Petition [of the Lord's Prayer], as was stated [regarding] Psalm 2.

Lord Jesus, You were delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Bless and defend Your Holy Church. Endue Your Word with power, strengthen our faith, and after the sufferings of this life grant us to celebrate a happy Easter, rising again to live and reign with You in all eternity. Amen.

From *Reading the Psalms with Luther* (CPH, 1993), pp. 28-29.