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*Sunday, December 4, 2016*  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*

# THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

## The Lighting of the First Advent Wreath Candle

### The soloist will sing as the candle is lit:

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For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;

Truly my hope is in you.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits.

Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word.

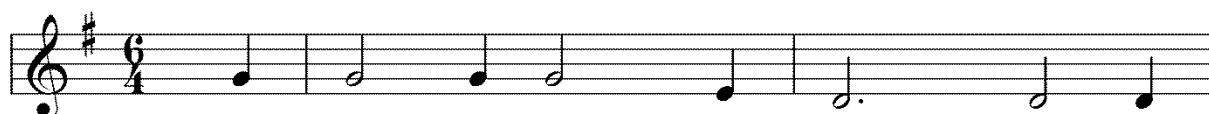
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;

Truly my hope is in you.

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## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and  
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -  
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry  
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall  
 All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:  
 doubt as - sail you! Ho - san - na to the  
 now a - dore him!  
 so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

*This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.*

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

## STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

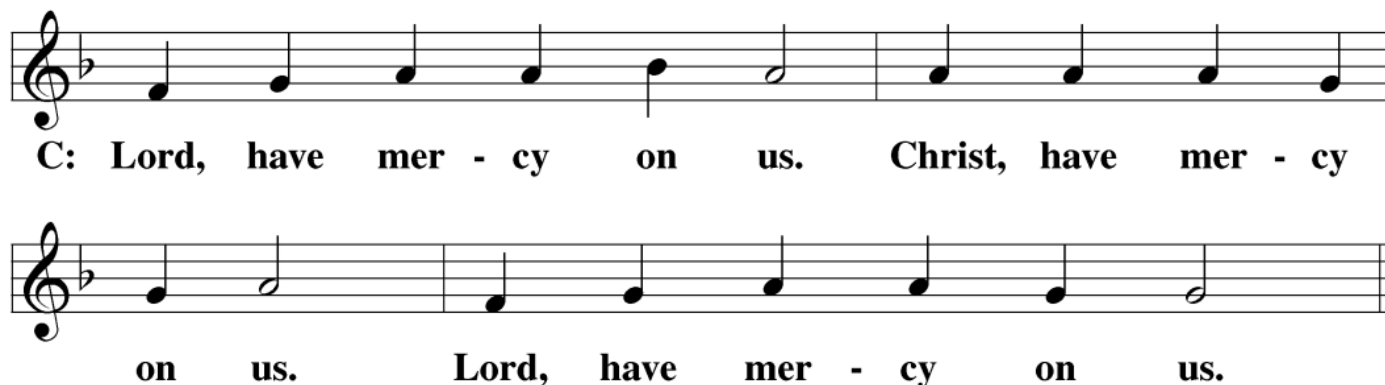
## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in

the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



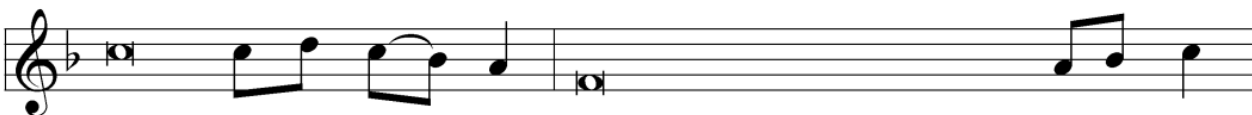
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10**

- There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the  
adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a  
signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire,  
and his resting place shall be glorious.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 130**

The congregation will sing Hymn #305 “From Depths of  
Woe I Cry to You”

### **SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for  
our instruction, that through endurance and through the  
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have  
hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in  
accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with  
one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glory of God.



<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

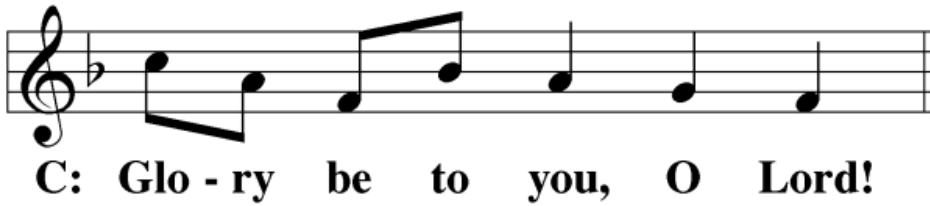
<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by soloist)

Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation.  
Alleluia! (Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV)

## **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

**3** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children

for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down  
from heaven,  
    was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary,  
    and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
    who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
    who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

## **GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Prepare Ye the Way"**

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

*Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

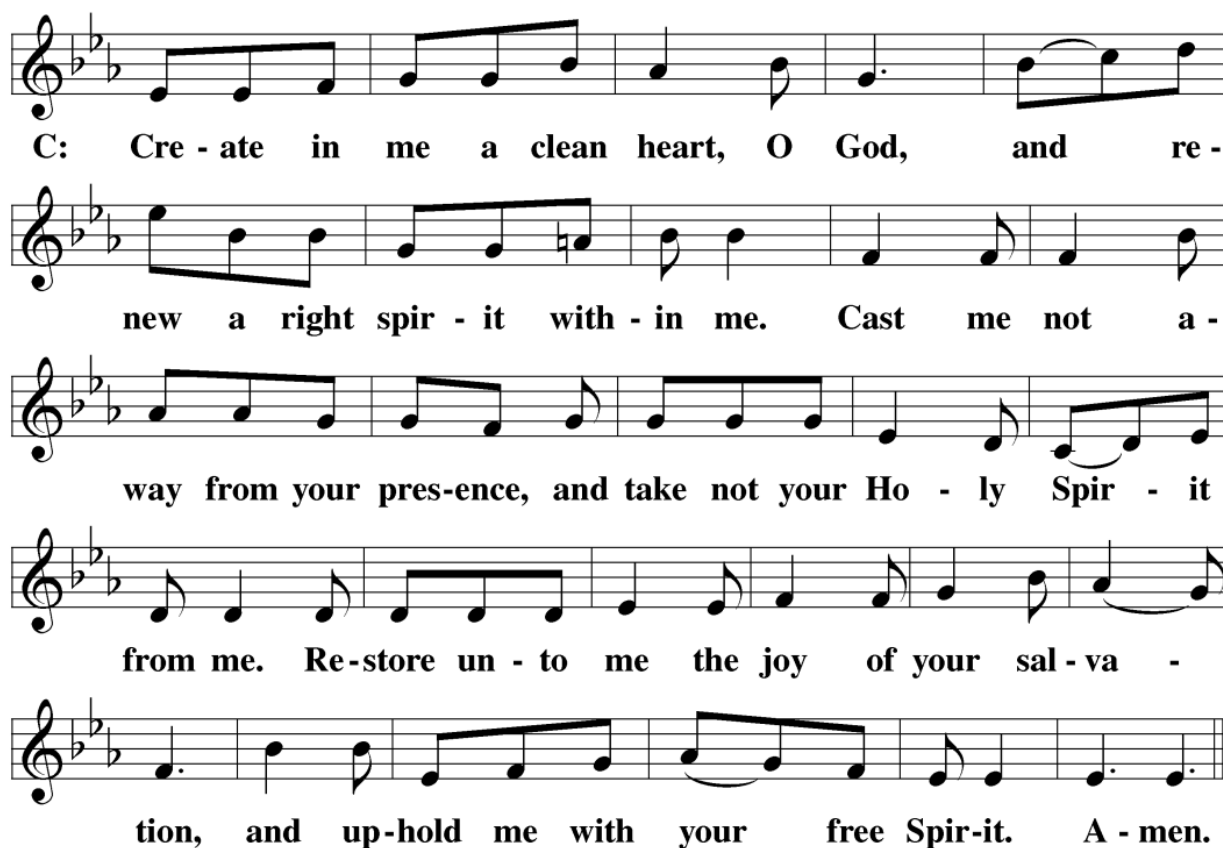
*The mountains made low, the rugged places plain.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: #16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

### **SERMON**

*STAND (page 20)*

### **PSALM 51 RESPONSE**



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

# OFFERING

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (page 123)

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus



as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke

it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**#13** “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

**#11** “Comfort, Comfort, All My People”

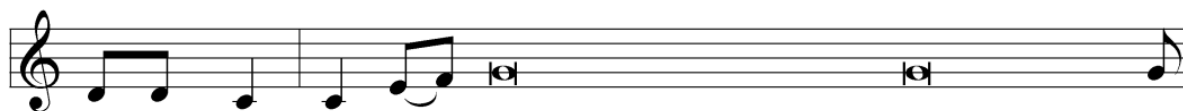
## **THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

**STAND**

### **SONG OF SIMEON** (*Nunc Dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

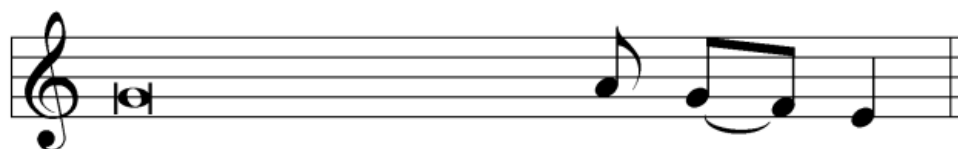


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



### **OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Doug Hartley

Communion Assistants: Jim Cutler and Dan Lanning

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Monday - NO Youth Catechism
- Wednesday - NO Bible Class
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
- 1:30 PM Preschool/Congregational Advent Service  
- 3:00 HVL Christmas Concert

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Jana Schultz; Ushering – Team 1

**Pastoral Emergency:** In the case of a pastoral emergency this week, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder (Good Shepherd-Novi) at (248)719-5218. Pastor Schaefer will return next week.

**Thank you:** We would like to thank Pastor Emeritus Doug Hartley for serving us with Word and Sacrament this morning. Pastor Hartley last served full-time at Salem Lutheran Church in Scio Township.

**PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** - The congregation is invited to the Preschool Christmas Service at 1:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 11. We will have refreshments in the gym following the service. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you are able to donate

refreshments (cookies, carrots, celery, broccoli, punch, coffee, red and/or green plates and napkins).

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School Christmas Concert** - This year's HVL Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, beginning at 3:00 pm. Come celebrate Christmas with the HVL Choir, Hawk Singers and WELS Concert Band of Southeast Michigan as they perform music for the season.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Sunday, December 11 -

1:30 PM Preschool/Congregational Advent Service

Tuesday, December 13 -

7:00 PM Voters' Assembly

Saturday, December 24 -

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Carol Service

11:00 PM Christmas Eve Divine Service

Sunday, December 25 -

9:30 AM Christmas Day Divine Service

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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