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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to turn around and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and long-suffering of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's Table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN, PAGES 203-209***

**GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

*Comfort Ye, My People*

Händel

**\*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

**Faithful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen**

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

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\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Holy are you, God of righteousness and peace; you promised to wait with patience for all to come to repentance, and to send your prophet to cry in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. As we light these candles, open our ears to hear you speak tenderly to your people; open our hearts to welcome you as a shepherd who gently leads the flock. Comfort us, O God, and forgive the sin of your people.

**Reveal your glory to us, and speak to us your word of peace. Amen.**

\*KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

*In today's reading the prophet describes the ideal ruler who will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David's royal line) of Jesse (David's father). Gifted by the Spirit, this Messiah will seek justice for the poor, and the reign of this monarch will be experienced as paradise regained.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

*Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.*

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

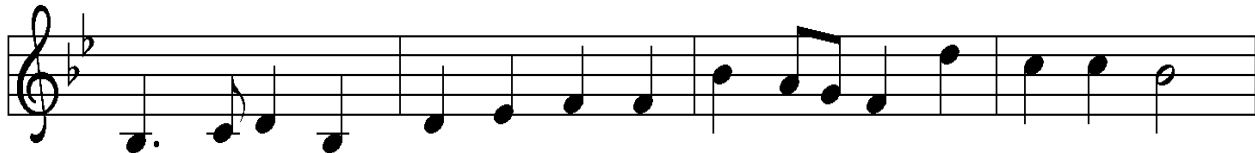
**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

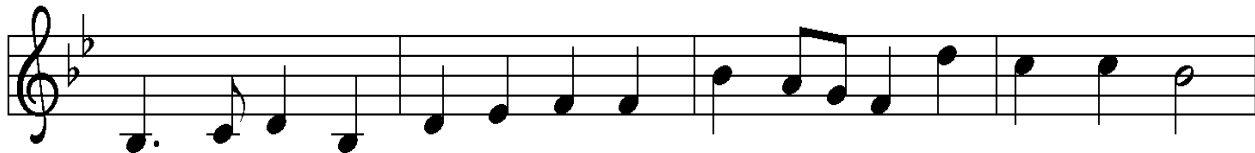
*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

\*GOSPEL READING

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

## \*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In hope and anticipation, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Renew us in the covenant of your Son, O Holy One, and revive us by the outpouring of your Spirit, who leads us to wisdom, understanding, and faithfulness in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish harmony in all creation so that all living things may work according to your loving and generous purpose. Fill the earth with your goodness and glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to those who hold power and authority among the nations. Lead them to tend to those who are poor and long-suffering with your righteousness and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By your word and your people encourage and give heart to those who have lost hope in the face of depression, disease, and death, especially... Give them faith in your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shape this faith community into a place of welcome and support for all people. Feed and strengthen us by your gifts of grace, that we may share them with others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech or in silence.*

You have gathered the saints into your holy and eternal presence. Make us steadfast in the faith until we are all made one in your new creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

\*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

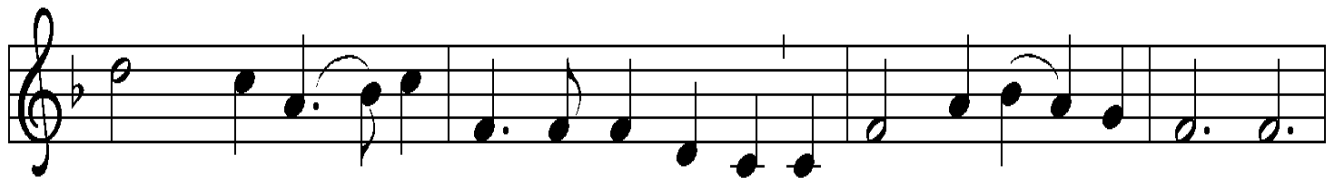
\*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

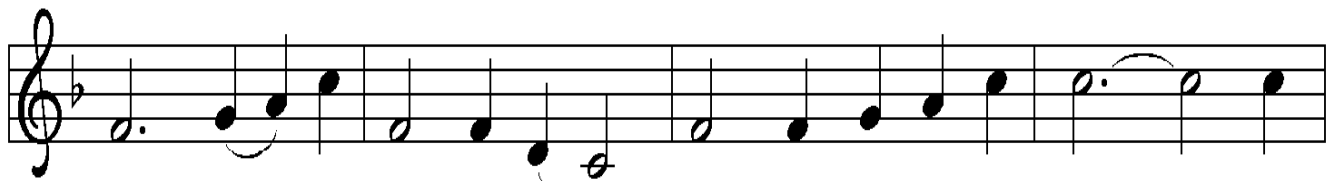
\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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



## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Now share in the feast of salvation.

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Kristine Boike

LECTOR

Carrie Watkiss

GREETER

Carole Pollitz

LIVE STREAM

Charles Matthies

USHER

Rafael Martinez

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Fred Kuzel and Jane Lauritsen



## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Mildred Mendel, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Victoria Dieska, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Peter Spilotro, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Mike Yavorski.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of dear husband, father and grandfather **+Larry Bakalich+** on the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth on December 7<sup>th</sup> by the remembering Bakalich Family.

**Offering envelopes for 2023** are now available for pick up in the lower hallway adjacent to the dining hall. Please pick up envelopes for friends or relatives who are unable to do so. **Financial donations** made to the congregation need to be received in the church office no later than Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in your end of the year financial statement.



If you would like to **order a poinsettia** to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, a sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board at the lower west entrance to the dining hall. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The cost per plant is \$17 and the deadline for payment and sign-up is Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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worship video recordings, and other information, please

visit us on the web at:

[www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org](http://www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org).

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**Interested in formally affiliating** with Sts. Peter and Paul as your home congregation? We would be delighted to welcome you to this community of faith in worship and ministry. Newly registered members will be welcomed next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Dennis or another member of the congregation to let them know of your interest.



# “HOLIDAY DIVERSITY”

*Lux Cantorum Chicago* in concert this afternoon at 4 p.m.



## HOLIDAY DIVERSITY CONCERT



DEC. 2ND  
7:30 PM

LINCOLN PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
600 FULLERTON PRKWAY  
CHICAGO, IL

WILBERT O. WATKINS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
PHILIPS KENDALL, ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR  
JOAN HUTCHINSON, ACCOMPANIST

DEC. 4TH  
4:00 PM

ST PETER & PAUL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
250 WOODSIDE RD  
RIVERSIDE, IL

DEC. 10TH  
7:30 PM

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH  
460 LAKE ST  
OAK PARK, IL



\$20 ENTRY

*A reception will follow the performance today in the dining hall. Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels and Pastor Dennis sing with Lux Cantorum.*

# Santa's

## HELPERS NEEDED

### LCFS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

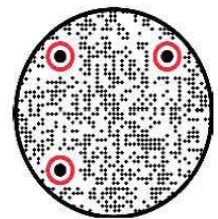


## YOU CAN MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Your donation will put gifts under the tree for the children in our care. Foster parents will receive money specifically to buy Christmas gifts for each child—assuring they receive what they want and need.

This is a real blessing to the families we serve!

Donate at [LCFS.org/ChristmasDrive](https://LCFS.org/ChristmasDrive)  
or scan the QR code.



Questions? Contact [Mandy\\_Widtfeldt@lcfs.org](mailto:Mandy_Widtfeldt@lcfs.org) or 630-470-3853

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Attn: LCFS Christmas Drive | 1 Oakbrook Terrace, #501 | Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

# BEDS HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY 2022



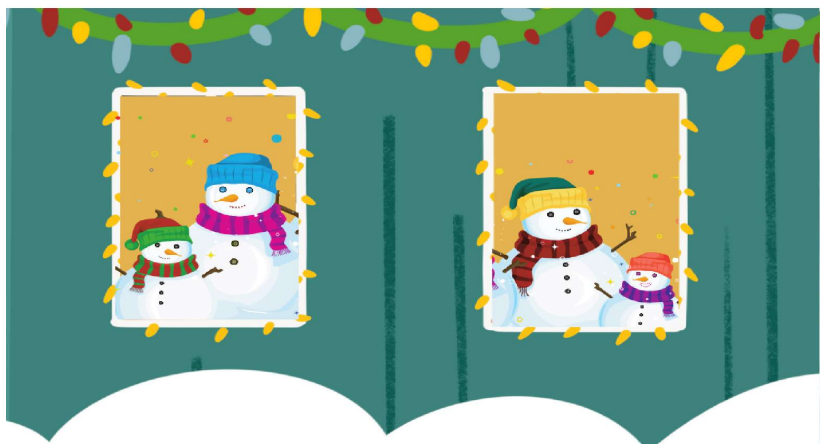
## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

PURCHASE HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR BEDS FAMILIES

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR 3 MONTHS TO A YEAR

PURCHASE GIFT SETS FOR BEDS CLIENTS

ASSIST A FAMILY IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

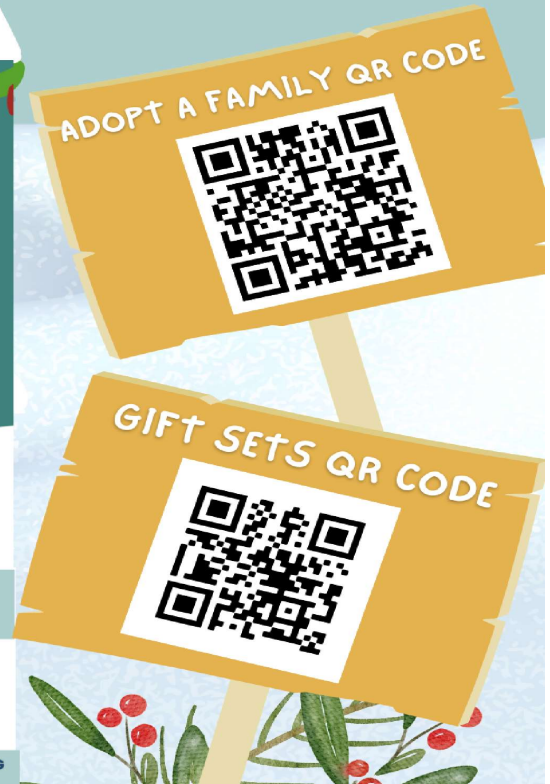


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## Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00