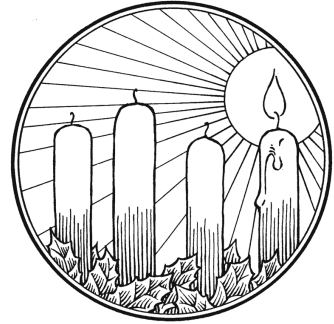


+ First Sunday in Advent +

December 3, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS1

+ Confession and Absolution +



Hymn of Invocation: 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation (pg. 151 in hymnal)

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit



Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- C** **To you, | O LORD, ***
I lift | up my soul.
- O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame; *
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly |
treacherous.**
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.



Kyrie II ~ Lord, Have Mercy, Hymnal p. 944



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - i - son.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD,

you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

- C** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 24:7

- P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

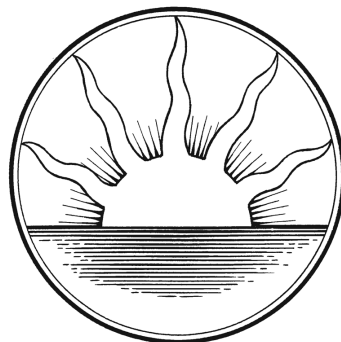
Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.



“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn of the Day: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be. Now and through eternity.

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+ Sermon +

At the Very Gates

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayer of the Church



World: Praying for a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. All areas and peoples around the world affected by fires, flood, earthquakes, and the like.

Church: For **missionaries, teachers, and evangelists**. For **safety and protection** for all who will be building a new Sanctuary, narthex, and parking lots for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For **foster children in our community**. For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt** and **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **parents with children and those expecting**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For seminary students at CTSFW: **Aaron Wade, Will Bales, and Sam Bohnet**.

Loss and Mourning: Family of **Ed Scarano** (former member of Praise, wife: JoAnn). Family of **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Greg Nunnink** (98 yrs old, father of Tim Nunnink) who passed on 10/25, Family of **Joan Hoffman** (90 yrs old, faithful friend of Steve & Janice Kaiser) who passed away in Indiana. Family of **Jeanette** (Deb Wales's sister-in-law) who passed away on 10/7. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfelser** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of the **Brekke family's Papa Gary**. Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24). Family of **Maggie McCarty** (two-year old daughter of Pastor Nathan McCarty from camp) who passed away. Family of **Daidan Lance** (friend of Adam Uebelacker) who died from a motorcycle accident. Family of **Dwight** (Myrna's brother in law) who passed away, especially for Kay (Myrna's sister). Family of **Albert Caspers** (Sally Collver's father in MI) 97 years old who passed away.

Health: **Billye Raye Smith** (now home from UT hospital) recuperation and build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter). For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For **Marty Smith** (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For **Victor Sebahar** (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. For **Pastor Phil Young** (gall bladder removal) and his wife **Amy** (cancer treatments). For **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother in Florida) cancer, kidney removal, and cancer in the back. For **Bob Goodrich** adjusting to new pacemaker. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. **Alan Tokar** shoulder surgery recovery. Charleston Snyder's grandmother **Nancy** (Sarah Thaemert's mother) in Knoxville, health. For **Lyndsie** (Levi & Suzanne's

neighbor) cancer treatments. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatment and health. **Ronnie Riggs** (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. **David** (friend of Jerald Johnston's brother) congestive heart failure. **Lawrence McMichael** thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to come. **Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother)** eye condition. For **Marge** (Ted Wilson's former wife) valve replacement. **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Bronson Butcher** (Mary Schopmann's great-grandson) thanksgiving for successful robotic kidney tract stent and soon follow-up procedure. **Deb Wales's father** (health). **Anna Strege** broke arm in three places. **Landen** (family of Brian and Anna Strege) treating a rare virus. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer), Terry also fell and fractured his hip. **Jules Felt** recovery of health. **Harvey Booher** (Lori Smith's brother) recovering from heart attack and 3 stents. **Steve** (Lainey from Bible Study's husband) hip surgery recovery. **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Janice Kaiser** health. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **Rick Gift** neck pain treatment. **Adam Uebelacker** knee injury rehab. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from open heart surgery. **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) Legionnaires' disease treatment. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna's sister) for health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Rachel Ernst's mother:** cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Al Reuer** health. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health. Clients and friends of Jim Vesper: **Myron Farmer** (needing liver transplant), **Debbie Buckner** (peace and restoration), **Steve Phipps** (recovery from fall that broke both legs).

Birthdays: Suzanne N 12/2, Lisa G 12/3, Tiana S 12/4, Jim V 12/5, Rebecca K 12/6, Barbara Moyers 12/8, Jennifer H 12/9 | Kathleen L 12/11, Gary M 12/11, Auggie M 12/11, Carol A 12/12, Faye S 12/15, Ed H 12/16

Anniversaries: Tim & Michele N 12/15

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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 Words of Our Lord

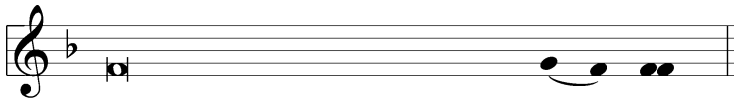
Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \cdot body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \cdot blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

Distribution Hymn: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

Distribution Hymn: 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Distribution Hymn: 339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

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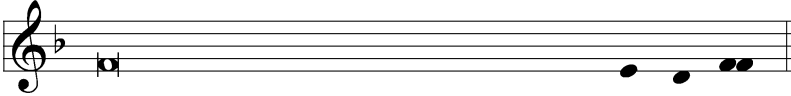
- A** Let us pray.
... one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



- P** 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.



C A - men.

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Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauerman

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson



Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know. Two Large Print Hymnals are available in the back of church. Please ask those who are helping usher, play music, or manage the livestream equipment in the back of church.

Youth and Families

Encourage your kids of all ages to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall.



Christmas Program Rehearsals during Sunday School K-12th grade.
 Meet in Social Hall
Sun, Dec 3, 10, and 17 10:00 - 10:45 am Rehearsal.
Sun, Dec 17 12:15 pm Dress rehearsal in Sanctuary (lunch provided)
Wed, Dec 20 Children’s Christmas Service; Arrive at 5:00 pm; Service at 6 pm; Soup Supper to follow (around 6:45 p.m.)

Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays ~ Starting the Holiday Season
Dec 6 and 13 at 5:15 p.m. set up and serve Advent Suppers; Service at 7:00 p.m.
Dec 20 at 5:00 p.m. for final prep for Children’s Christmas Service which begins at 6:00 p.m. with Advent Supper to follow.

Youth Catechesis Schedule

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

TODAY Sun, Dec 3	10 Commandments (10 and close)
Sun, Dec 10	Apostles’ Creed
Sun, Jan 14	Apostles’ Creed



Progress on our build

Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see a video on the progress! Current projects: Electrical in Sanctuary ceiling, drywall, steeple installation.

Building Fund Update	2023 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$279,789	\$905,072
Pledged	\$277,877	\$1,065,270
Remaining	-\$2,583	\$160,266

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).

Praise Lutheran T-Shirts order arrived. Pick up TODAY. Extras available for purchase in the Narthex. Specify T-shirt on your check or online transaction.

Announcements

Voters Meeting TODAY, Dec 3 at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary (between services) to review the 2023 Year-End Financial Estimate, review the Construction Loan report, and discuss and approve the 2024 Budget.

My Funeral Plan packets are available in the Narthex should wish to pick one up. Give the gift of your preferences to your pastor, congregation, and family. Includes Scripture readings, hymn choices, and more.

Gifts for Foster Children Due TODAY. Please checkmark the “delivered to” box on the form in the Narthex (red table) for tracking purposes and place your gift under the Christmas tree is up. Blessing will take place in the service. Delivery to the sorting center this week.



Poinsettia Youth Fundraiser Free will donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex. Online donation at praiselutheran.com, use “Poinsettia (Youth Fundraiser)” in the “Give” button or place donation in offering plate and indicate Youth-Poinsettia.

Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts about how you can help show care and love all year round and specifically before this Thanksgiving. *Needed: 2 more families to adopt.* Thank you to all of you who have already.

Youth Group Wednesdays Middle School & High School 5:15 pm set up for Advent Suppers
Choir this Wednesday at 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

Men’s Bible Study on break until Jan 10

Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 am with Barbara Morsch

Worship chairs: If you’re asking, “**What can I help fund?**” we are in the process of ordering **116 new chairs** in the same fabric and similar frame to complete the new Sanctuary. Cost is approx. **\$100 per chair** with shipping. *Please specify: Worship Chairs with your gift.*

Status: \$1,100 (11 chairs) have been given to date.

Midweek Advent Suppers: Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, and 20 at 6:00 p.m. Please help



by contributing food each Wednesday—see signup in the Narthex. Youth are hosting and a freewill offering will help our youth go to camp and youth gatherings. Parents: please have your children at church at 5:30 p.m. to help with set up and serve (for the first two Wednesdays). Congregation will serve and clean up on the 20th *and the dinner that night will follow the service at 6.*



Children’s Christmas Service on Wed, Dec 20 at 6:00 pm with Soup Supper to follow in the Social Hall.