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# CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

## DECEMBER 25, 2022

### Opening Voluntaries

*Carol of The Bells*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Mykda Leontovych/Charles Evans

Mendelssohn/Jeff Cranfill

### \*Processional Hymn

### LSB 376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His  
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear, and  
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He  
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.  
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.  
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

### \*Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## \*Opening Sentences

*John 1:1, 4–5, 9; Isaiah 9:6; 52:10*

- P** In the beginning was the Word,  
**C** **And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- P** In Him was life,  
**C** **And the life was the light of men.**
- P** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
**C** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
**C** **And the government shall be upon His shoulder,**
- P** And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
**C** **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**C** **And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

## \*Confession and Absolution

*John 1:4–5; Isaiah 52:10*

- P** Jesus, Word made flesh, You came to dwell among us, but the darkness of our sin separates and we often fail to bask in the light of Your presence.  
**C** **We are 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.**
- P** John writes in our Gospel lesson, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Heavenly Father, too frequently we live in the darkness of unbelief.  
**C** **Forgive us, Lord, for those sins we know, and those sins we do not know.**
- P** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
**C** **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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to be born into this world and in our flesh for us, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice for you. For His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live for us, to die for us, that we by faith will rise with Him in victory. He was born as our Savior to forgive. As a called and ordained 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** **Amen.**
- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**C** **And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**\*Salutation**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**\*Collect of the Day**

- C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 52:7–10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

## Epistle

*Hebrews 1:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup>And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Verse

*John 1:14*

**P** Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

## \*Holy Gospel

*John 1:1–18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him,

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**





gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

**Sermon**

“Light Shining in the Darkness”

(John 1:1-18)

**Sermon Notes:**

## Offering

*Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

## Offertory Anthem

*Silent Night*

STILL NACHT/Jeff Cranfill

## \*Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray in song and in words spoken for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

## \*LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**P** Father, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us, sending Your Son into our world as an infant, to be our Savior and to forgive our sins.

**C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**

## \*LSB 364 Away in a Manger

3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,





**P** Jesus, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us; You came from heaven to live on earth as one of us, and one with us, to forgive our sin.

**C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**

**\*LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**



**P** Holy Spirit, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us, gathering us together through the water of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.

**C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received, and kept unto life eternal.**

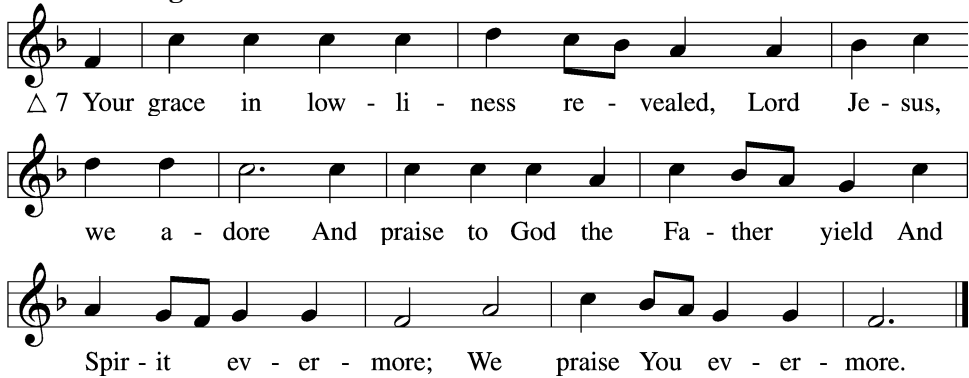
**P** Gracious Lord, You have bared Your holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, that the ends of the earth shall see Your salvation. Even amid Christmas peace and joy, we experience the hurt and harm of this world. We lift up all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, *[especially . . .]*. Reach out to them with Your holy arm and the light of our Savior that they may be comforted in their time of need, seeing the salvation You have prepared for all through faith.

*Additional petitions may follow.*

**P** All these things we bring before You, through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God**



△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**\*The Words of Our Lord**

**\*Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**\*Lord's Prayer**

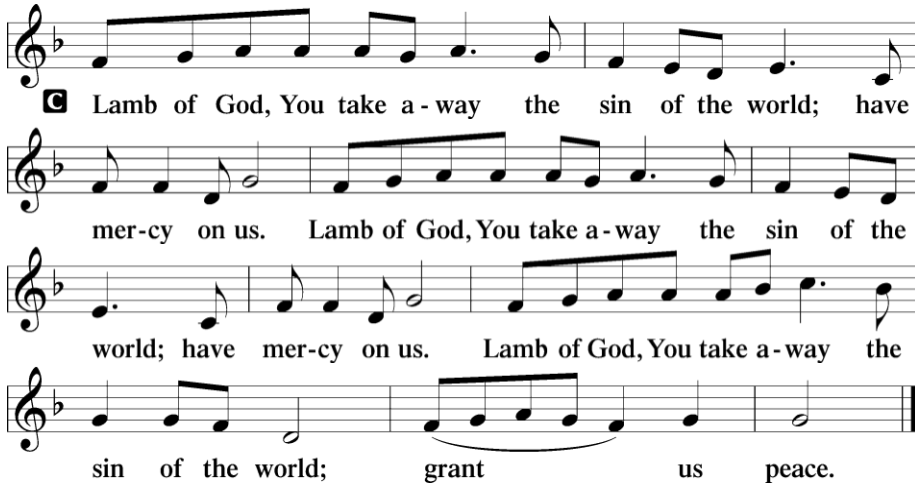
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

**\*Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## \*Agnus Dei



**☐** 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 Hymn

## LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.

*Refrain*  
Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind, To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

## Distribution Hymn

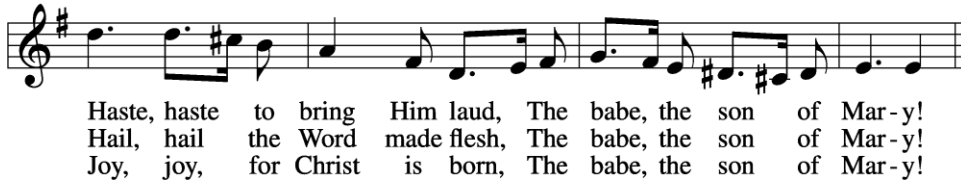
## LSB 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to

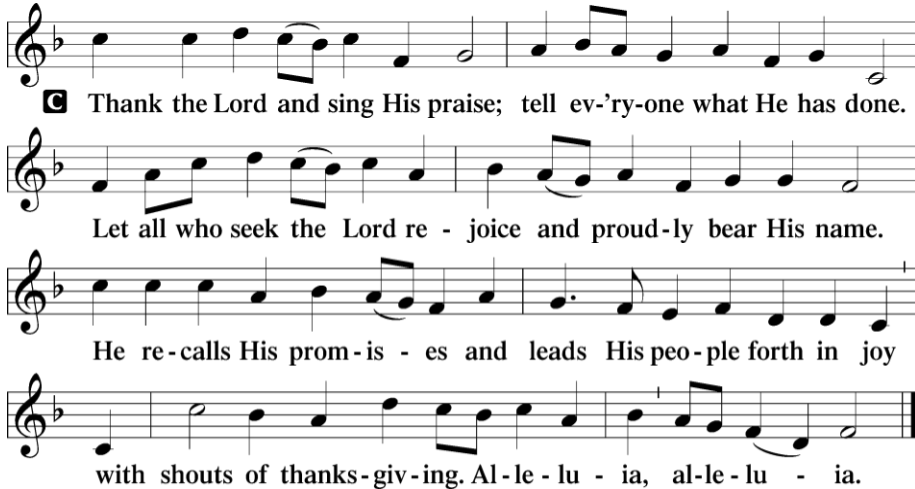


sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



### \*Post-Communion Cantic

### Thank the Lord



### \*Post-Communion Thanksgiving

### \*Benediction

- 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** Amen.

## \*Closing Hymn

## LSB 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

Joy to the World

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10:30: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob Uthoff, Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister  
Altar Comm: Bonna Mayer and Kelly Pfund

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS now adorn our Sanctuary. A list of those who purchased poinsettias is displayed in the Commons. Please note, poinsettias may be picked up from the Commons the weekend of January 7 and 8.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES Just a reminder, please use your 2023 envelopes beginning the weekend of January 1, 2023.

USHERS NEEDED We are looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team – one of the easiest ways to serve the congregation. You will typically serve only one Saturday/Sunday per month with the exception of months with special services (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A signup sheet is on the Commons counter with the usher needs by service time. For more information, please contact Barry Hammon at [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com) or 314-703-9960.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES begin on Sunday, January 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall and continue for six weeks. Sign up is available on our website and on the bulletin board in the commons. A light lunch will be provided each week. For more information, please contact the church office.

NEW CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 8 DURING EDUCATION HOUR If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Peace is hosting a 9-week, Financial Peace University Class, beginning Sunday, January 15, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Kitchen Meeting Room. The class will be led by Pastor Brown and Grant Ellis. To register, please type [fpu.com/1157305](http://fpu.com/1157305) into your web browser. Please contact the church office for more information.

THANK YOU from Social Ministry for the wonderful response to the Adopt-a-Family program this year. There were 31 families adopted this year totaling 100 people! Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do it for me." Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to all of you in 2023.

2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are on the Commons Counter if interested.

NEW BAPTISM CLASS OFFERED IN JANUARY If you are planning to have your baby/child baptized, we are offering a one-time class for parents and/or caregivers. This class will cover the basics of baptism, along with the logistics of baptisms at Peace. The first time the class will be offered is Sunday, January 8, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Commons Conference Room. To register, go online to our Peace website, [www.peacelutheranntl.org](http://www.peacelutheranntl.org).

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS POTLUCK is next Saturday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Please bring a nice hors d'oeuvre or a dessert to share. Also bring a "white elephant" gift (\$10-\$15 value) for our gift exchange. Questions? See Sarah Baese.

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022**

<u>Monday, December 26:</u>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
<u>Tuesday, December 27:</u>	9:00am – Quilters
<u>Thursday, December 29:</u>	6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
<u>Friday, December 30:</u>	12:00pm – Middle School Movie and Open Gym
<u>Saturday, December 31:</u>	5:00pm – Worship Service
<u>Sunday, January 1:</u>	8:00am – Worship Service 9:20am – Worship Service 10:30am – Worship Service