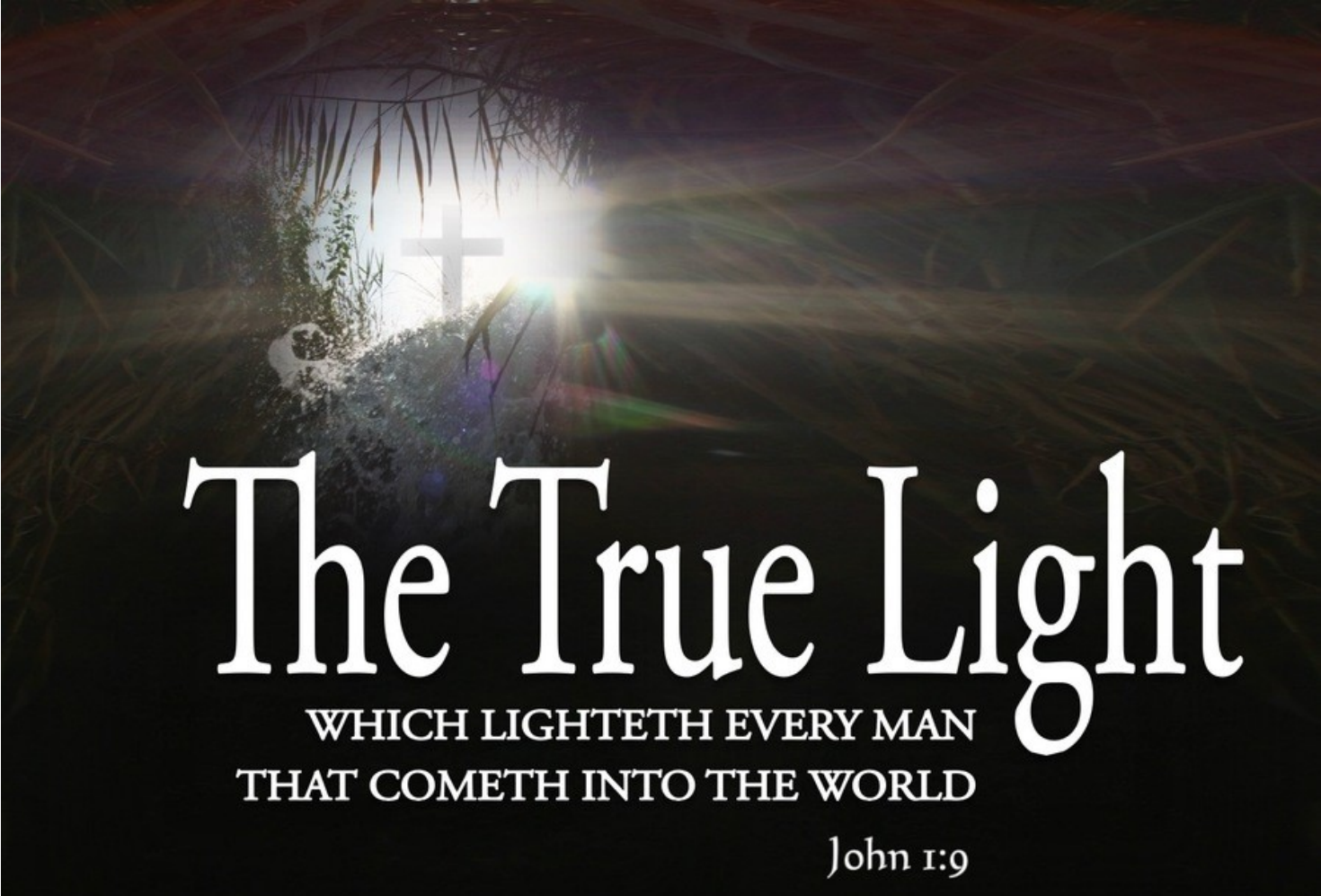


Saturday, January 4 and Sunday, January 5
Second Weekend of Christmas



The True Light

WHICH LIGHTETH EVERY MAN
THAT COMETH INTO THE WORLD

John 1:9



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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
January 5 - 12



Sunday	9:45am Worship
Tuesday	7:00pm MOG Committee Meeting
Wednesday	8:45am Stewardship & Missions Meeting 10:00am Property Committee Meeting 10:30am Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 1:00pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:45am Worship Council Meeting after worship



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Next **Reading Buddies** date:

Tuesday, January 28

Sign up in the Welcome Center to read with
Wendy Merkel's kindergarten class.



Offering 12/14 & 12/15	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$8,485.91	\$225,110.41
Capital Fund	\$666.54	\$14,324.43
Good Samaritan Fund	\$433.00	\$3,422.25
Safe Passage	\$90.00	\$430.08

Prayer Requests

Marilyn Abbott	Mary Ann Hulon	Larry Rogers family
Mary Bark	Jen	Shelly
Lance Davenport	Judy	Lynn Skryzpiec
Lee Gehrke	Karen	Lynn Skryzpiec's great-nephew, Oakley
Gianna	Rhea Lumsden	Jack Smith
Sharon Goode	Linda Martin	Jackie Wendland
Pastor Grafe	James Moris	Susan White
Family of Chuck	Lonnie Murray	
Hoeppe's sister, Carol	Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff	

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JANUARY	4	CHILI SUPPER
JANUARY	26	ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHNS

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✚ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 275 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 2nd weekend of Christmas comes from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 7-14

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our **Psalm** today is Psalm 147 verses 12-20

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion,
13 **who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

14 God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

15 **God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

16 God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

17 **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**

18 The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

19 **God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

20 The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Ephesians Chapter 1 verses 3-14

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come 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

P: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy One... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served

Communion Hymns ELW 487 What Feast of Love

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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