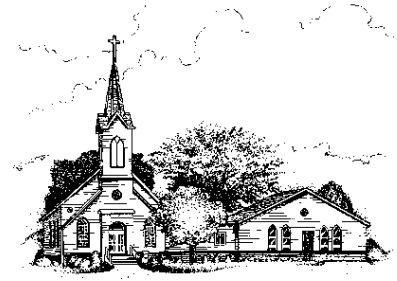


Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 26, 2023 – 9:45 a.m.

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A Service of Thanks and Dedication

Welcome to God's house on Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year. It doesn't bring as much hoopla as New Year's Eve does....many people don't even realize there is such a thing as a *church year*. But as we say farewell to the old church year and prepare to begin a new one next week, we'll take some time today to briefly look at each season of the church year and how it focuses us on Christ our King.

This focus will also serve well as a tie-in to the fact that we'll be officially dedicating our new organ this morning, celebrating God's gift of music in a service of praise and thanksgiving. May God bless our worship this morning!

Opening Hymn

We Praise You O God #609:1-2

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

Invocation and Opening Dialogue

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples...

Song of Praise

We Praise You O God #609:3

With voices united our praises we offer

and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;

to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Advent Season

Thank God for His Gift of Hope

Luke 1:39-47, 54-55

³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to

me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

... ⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Hymn

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel #327:1, 4

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

4 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Christmas Season

Thank God for His Gift of Joy

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the

glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Hymn

Joy to the World #353:1, 2, 4

1 Joy to the world, the LORD is come!

Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace

and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Epiphany Season

Thank God for Making Jesus Known

John 1:1-5,10-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it....

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #386:1, 2, 5

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star to the Magi from afar,
branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem.

Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine.

Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word.

May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you
that we all like you may be at your great epiphany
and may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

Lenten Season

Thank God for Sending Jesus to Pay Sin's Penalty

Matt. 16:21-23

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Hymn

Christ the Life of All the Living #396:1, 6-7

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Easter Season

Thank God for Our New Birth

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen #445:1, 4, 5

He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

Pentecost Season

Thank God for the Gifts of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the

flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Hymn

For the Fruit of His Creation #506

1 For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

End Times Season

Thank God for Our White Robes

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,'

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Hymn

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White #883:1, 3



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, like thou - sand
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray, now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; who is
home in end - less day, ex - tol the Lord, who with



this band be - fore the throne of light? These are the
his Word sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, who from the great af - flic - tion
nar - row path you trod; you toiled and sowed the Word a -



came and in the flood of Je - sus' blood are cleansed from
broad; re - joice and bring your fruits and sing be - fore the



guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
throne of God. Swing high your palms, lift up your song,

their voic - es they in wor - ship raise; their an - thems
 yes, make it myr - iad voic - es strong! Let heav - en
 rise where God re - sides, mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 ring— to Christ the King all praise and thanks be - long!

Prayer of the Church

Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

God almighty, above and beyond all praising, when you created the universe and laid out the heavens and the earth, the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

We join with your saints and angels to praise you for your glory. We dedicate this new organ to lead your praise. We also dedicate ourselves, our hearts, our hands, our voices to your praise.

We thank you for this organ, for those who contributed toward its purchase, and for those who will play it in our worship services.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

**Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of that final trumpet.
Amen.**

The Offering

Dedication

Brothers and sisters, we now formally dedicate this new organ for the worship, honor, praise, and glory of God and for the edification of his holy people, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation's new song, rejoicing in the great things you have done for us. We thank you for the gift of music and we praise you for providing us this new organ, which we dedicate to your glory. Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for your people as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

When in Our Music God is Glorified #628:1, 5



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise,
and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
let all re - joice who have a voice to raise,
it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

AURELIA CW 1025

♪ Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”
Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!
How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!
“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

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 my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

ST. CRISPIN CW 1031

♪ O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die,
in perfect love you took our place—bestow on us your saving grace.

O Lamb of God, your sacrifice has cancelled sin, has paid its price;
your perfect love will never cease—have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior #671



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
 2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
 4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
 5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
 you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
 near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
 heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

Distribution Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God ##597

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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- Today:** 8:30/8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible class
9:45 a.m. Worship (organ dedication) with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. Lutheran Chorale Christmas concert at St. John's, Wauwatosa
- Tue:** 10:00 a.m. OWLS Meeting at Peace Hartford
- Wed:** 6:00 p.m. Catechism Instructions
- Thu:** 7:00 pm. Worship
- Sun:** 7:30/9:45 a.m. Worship
8:30/8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible class 8:30 a.m.

In Our Prayers Tina Uelmen at Mercy Medical in Oshkosh; Rhea Schmidt at Cedar Lake in West Bend; Patti Richards, recovering at home after surgery for a broken collarbone; Calvin Eichsteadt, home after a lengthy hospitalization at St. Agnes, Fond du Lac; and Shirley Schlice (Bonnie Herman's mother) who recently moved to The Waterford in West Bend.

We thank Mr. Chris Joch for making the journey up and serving as our guest organist this morning. Chris and his wife Lena were members here at Zion until a number of years ago when they moved down to the Burlington area. He currently serves as principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Waukesha and plays organ for several churches in the area.

Church Directory We're planning to print a church directory with contact information for our members (no photos planned this time around). If you would *not* like your contact information included, please contact our church secretary, Janet Salzman, at 262.338.7946.

Advent by Candlelight All ladies (and friends) of Zion are invited to join us for this year's Advent by Candlelight. The program, "The King Shall Come," will be December 10th beginning at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sign up on the bulletin board. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Elaine Schulz.

Wreaths Across America If you would like to purchase a wreath in memory / honor of a family member or friend who served in the Armed Forces of our country, pick up a sheet from the stand near the church entrance, fill it out and follow the directions.

Sign Up as a Greeter The greeter signup link for December – February is active and ready to be used. Please consider serving in this way. Go to www.zionallenton.org and click on the link to sign up.

Coming Schedule The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a busy one...please don't forget the following important dates:

- the first Sunday School Christmas practice next Saturday from 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- church decorating on December 3rd after late service
- Advent supper (6 p.m.) and Worship service (7 p.m.) on December 6th
- Advent by Candlelight on December 10th (Ladies, please sign up on the bulletin board)

Pick up a December calendar and newsletter so you have all the coming news and announcements. Don't forget the December calendar, *Forward in Christ*, and copy of the *Meditations*, which starts next Sunday.

Prelude to Christmas Concert An annual favorite, *Prelude to Christmas* is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas concert season. The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee will sing old favorites as well as several new arrangements of familiar Christmas carols. The concert will take place at St. John's Lutheran in Wauwatosa this afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Branches Christmas Concert This Wednesday, November 29, join Branches Band for a free concert at Faith Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI! The hour-long concert will start at 6:30pm and will feature beloved carols and hymns of the season..

Winter Band Concert Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online (kmlhs.org/stream) as band students from KML and its federation elementary schools glorify God through music next Sunday, December 3, at 2:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!

Join KML in Helping Families in Need Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is partnering with Coffeerville Company to raise money for KML's 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser to support families in need. This year we are raising money for the Gerlach, Hovorka, Lindenberg, and Praefke families. Learn more about the families, order coffee, or make a donation at kmlhs.org/12days. Deadline to Order Coffee: December 12, 2023. Deadline to Make a Monetary Donation: December 31, 2023.