#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Sanctuary & Church Decorating

Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00 am

Please come and help us decorate the Sanctuary and Church for the Christmas season. Donuts and coffee will be available.

Everyone is invited!



# Good Stewards Together Intergenerational Sunday School.

Join us on Sunday, December 3 for **Biblical Stewards**.

We'll gather in the back of the Fellowship
Hall at 10:15 where we will learn how the
Bible calls each of us to be stewards of our
God-given talents. Join us!
Everyone is welcome!



### **Festive Fellowship**

Saturday, December 2, 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Festive Fellowship!
We will be gathering for scrumptious appetizers and delicious desserts in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 pm. (As last year, we will not be going to individual homes for dinner.) Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex to indicate what you would like to bring. We hope to see you there!



How does a weary world rejoice?

## Advent Visio Divina Bible Study

Visio Divina, latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery. We'll meet in the Conference room for Bible study and to explore images from our Advent theme

"How does a weary world rejoice?"

Tuesday, December 5: 9:30 am First Week in Advent:

We acknowledge our weariness

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.



Pastor Rebecca Sullivan
Music Leader Lyn Campbell
LAM Sally Hesse
Reader Wayne Langstraat
Ushers Ann Jonell, Michele Murray
AV Mike Stepan, Joe Moore
Altar Guild Karen Eian, Becky Thompson
Hospitality Jim & Sheila Kent, Wayne & Kathy
Langstraat, Mike & Sandy Nollan

GATHERING "Lord, Be Glorified," by B. Kilpatrick KHB

"You, You are God," by W. Beach

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

\*OPENING HYMN "Sing to the King," by B. Foote Screen

"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down," by D. Dohert

\*GREETING Screen

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Screen

Leader: Let us pray.

All: ... O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise to the Lord," by M. Bober King's Choir

LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, *p 702 NRSV* 

PSALM Psalm 95:1-7a, p 479 NRSV (read responsively) Screen

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Glory, Hallelujah!" by L. Olson Screen

\*GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46, *p 807 NRSV* 

CHILDREN / YOUTH TIME Pastor Rebecca

SERMON Pastor Rebecca

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY "Come Now, You Are Blessed," ACS #1059 Screen

APOSTLE'S CREED Screen

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

#### After each petition:

Leader: ... Hear us, O God. All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your

mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

\*PEACE

OFFERING "Offering," by P. Baloche

KHB

\*OFFERTORY "Reason To Live," by J. Kjellberg

Screen

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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\*BLESSING Screen

\*SENDING "Crown Him with Many Crowns," ELW #855, vs 1, 3, 5 Screen

\*SENDING OUT

POSTLUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns," reprise KHB

#### Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

#### **CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:**

#### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

For Kurt Wood and his successful treatment for cancer-free test results.

For the continued support of CTK's mission and ministry as we seek to bear fruit in the world.

For all who celebrated Thanksgiving with a grateful heart.

For our altar guild as they prepare for Advent and Christmas.

#### **THOSE GRIEVING:**

For all grieving the death of loved ones.

#### THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

For Laurie, Peggy Keohen's good friend, in her ongoing cancer battle.

For Mike Jones, receiving treatment for kidney cancer.

For Lee Boyce, cancer treatment.

For Barb, (Jan Hamstead's friend) in radiation treatment.

For Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.

Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.

Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), diagnosed with leukemia.

Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

#### **OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:**

For Sterling Hintz, prayers for healing and strength.

For Dallas Humphrey, recovering from a heart attack.

For Joel Miner, brother of Sharon Johnson, prayers for healing.

For Justin (Peggy & Terry Keohn's son) as he continues in his recovery.

For Dennis Felix, prayers for healing.

For Alana, Sue Kohler's granddaughter, prayers for strength as her disease progresses.

For Corrine Erlandson's sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.

Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.

For Fletcher and Courtney McKinney, improvement in health.

#### **GLOBAL CONCERNS:**

For peace between Israel and Palestine. Prayers for all impacted by war between these nations.

For Armenians facing genocide in Artsakh.

For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

#### **MILITARY CONCERNS:**

For all serving and especially LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves, (Elida's grandson).

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