

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS DAY



“THE GOOD NEWS
THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN
TO US”

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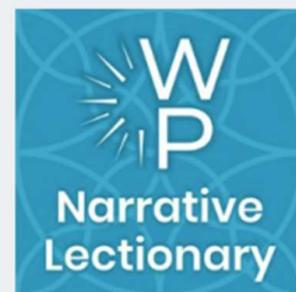
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WHAT IS THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY?

The **Narrative Lectionary** is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.



The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Luke's Gospel.
 Luke is the focus of Year C Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt., Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786

Invocation (Based on Luke 2:14)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: **peace to all the Earth,**

P: and goodwill from God in heaven.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

(Based on the Song of Zechariah—Luke 1:68-79 (LSB 238), along with Luke 3:7-8,10; 15:21)

P: John the Baptist was called the prophet of the Most High,

for He went before the Lord Jesus to prepare His way,

confronting the people and us with our sin, saying:

“Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon?

Produce fruit that shows you have repented.

Produce actions that show you have changed your hearts and lives.”

The crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

And we find ourselves asking this same question.

C: **Lord, we have sinned. What then shall we do?**

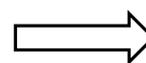
P: God calls on us to confess our sin and seek His forgiveness and mercy,

so that these words from the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus

become our own words of confession:

C: **Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.**

I am no longer worthy to be called your child.



P: John the Baptist, the prophet, went before the Lord Jesus
to give His people knowledge of their salvation
by the forgiveness of their sin.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C: ***Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of His servant David.***

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis (based on Luke 2:14)

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 356



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

Text: para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924
Text and tune: Basque, c. 18th cent.

Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:8–20 (ESV)

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Psalm of the Shepherds (perhaps)

Psalm 95:1–7a (ESV)

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

R: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

R: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Amen.

Anthem

The Birthday of a King

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

In the little village of Bethlehem
There lay a child on day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
O'er the place where Jesus lay:
Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of the King.

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! O how the chorus rang,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace,
But oh! how much God gave to us that day.
From the mangerbed, what a path has led.
What a perfect holy way:
Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of the King.

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! O how the chorus rang,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

Hymn of the Day**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

LSB 388

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text (sts. 1-3): John W. Work II, 1873-1925, alt.
 Text (ref) and tune: African American spiritual

Sermon**“The Good News the Lord Has Made Known to Us” Luke 2:8-20****Anthem****Good News! Everybody Listen!****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today.
 Maintain this as meditative time.

Good news, ev'rybody listen! God news, ev'rybody listen!
 Good news, hear the good news that Jesus Christ is born.
 Sing glory, good news shout it from the mountains.
 Good news, sing it in the valleys.
 Good news, share the good news that Jesus Christ is born.

Angels announce His birth in Bethlehem.
 A star proclaims to all the world's true Light.
 The shepherds run to see the newborn King,
 To worship Him this holy day of days.

Good news, listen children. Good news, listen children. Christ is born.
 Good news, glory hallelujah! Good news, glory hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born.
 Oh, Jesus Christ the Lord is born.

Confession of Faith from Luke 24:26-27,32; 4:21; 24:44-49 (in unison)

We confess that Jesus interpreted for us the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets, so that our hearts burn within us when He opens the Scriptures to us by His Holy Spirit to reveal His grace and mercy. —As Jesus declared, “Today these words have been fulfilled in your hearing.”—He has opened our minds to understand the Scriptures, and shown us, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you—the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

Offering

Offertory (Based on Mary’s Song—the Magnificat—Luke 1:46-55) LSB 934 sts. 1-2
 (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
 leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
 gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

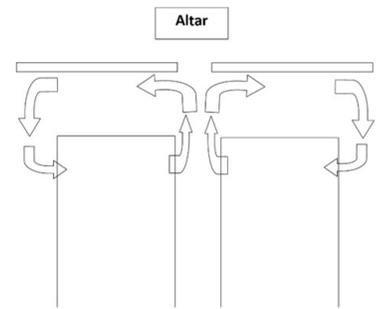
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



Preface (based on Luke 15:2,6,32)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Rejoice that it is true: What the enemies of our Lord meant as an accusation of wrongdoing has become our hope and salvation: This man, our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, receives sinners and eats with them.

C: Rejoice with me!

P: The Lord receives you as sinners and invites you to eat at His Table.

C: Rejoice with me!

P: The Lord has found His sheep that were lost.

C: Rejoice with me!

P: For you were dead, and now are alive in Him.

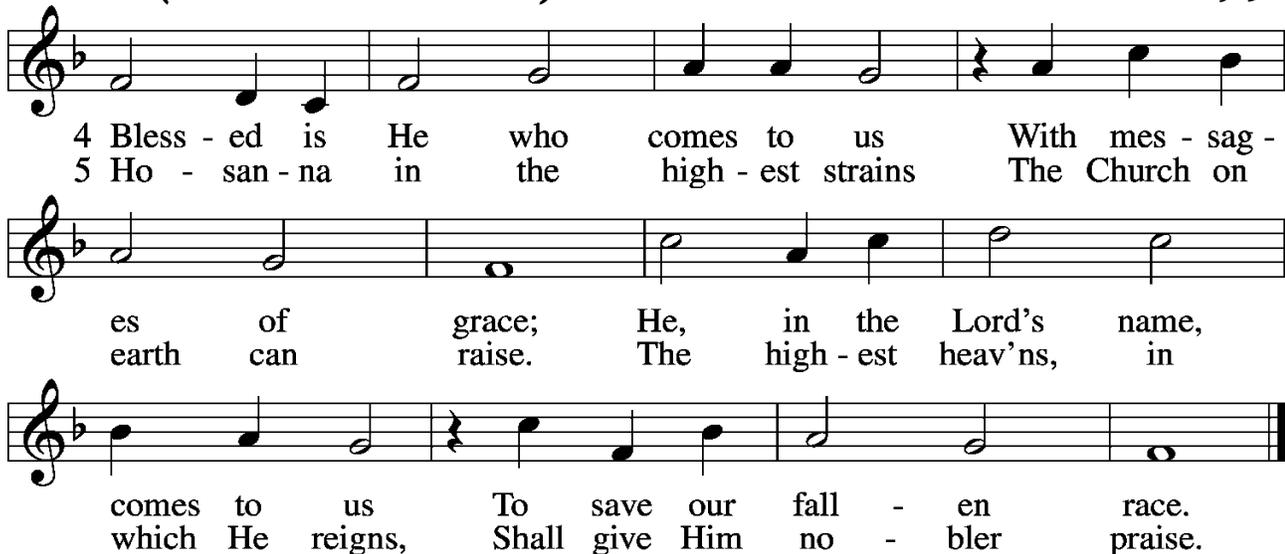
C: We were lost, and now are found.

Proper Preface for Christmas

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (based on Luke 19:38)

LSB 903 sts. 4-5



4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in
comes to us To save our fall - en race.
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution as in the Gospel of Luke

Luke 22:14-20

P: ¹⁴And when the hour [of the Passover meal] came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380



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!



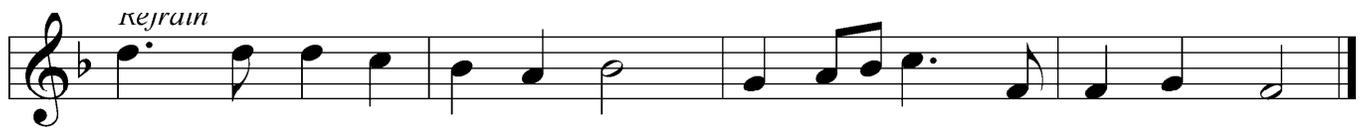
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



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.



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47

Second Distribution Hymn

What Child Is This

LSB 370



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



shep-herds watch are keep-ing? This, this is
si-lent Word is plead-ing. Nails, spear shall
lov-ing hearts en-throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98

Tune: English, 16th cent.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood. . .and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer (Based on Simeon's Song—Luke 2:29-32)

P: Let us pray. Lord, now You let Your servants go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. Our own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel, the salvation which we have received in the body and blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the Beatitudes—Luke 6:20-23)

P: The Lord Jesus lifts up His eyes on you, His disciples, and says:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

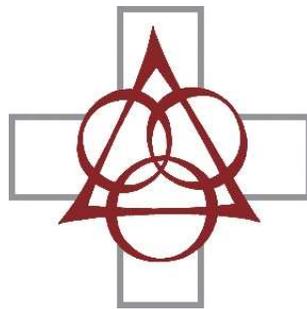
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you
on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,

for behold, great is your reward in heaven.”

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**



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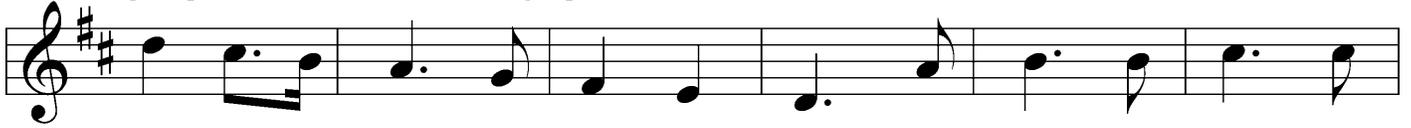
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Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387



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
 ploy, 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

Announcements

NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 10AM



Thank You for Beautifying our Worship Areas with Poinsettias

Norm Balliet – To the glory of God;

Sheila Bunnell – (2 plants) To the glory of God;

Ralph & Donna Danielsen – In memory of their parents;

Jim Franz – (3 plants) In memory of his mother, father, brother, sister and grandparents;

Chris Mason – (2 plants) In memory of mother-in-law Helen Mason and mother Christine Roberts;

Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst – To the glory of God;

Tom Schultz – (2 plants) In memory of Martha, Norman & Meri-Beth Schultz;

Paul & Linda Groh - (2 plants) To the glory of God;

Wayne Henkel – In memory of his mother Mavis Henkel;

John & Karen Kozlik – (2 plants) To the glory of God;

Maria Kube – (2 plants) In memory of husband Calvin and to the glory of God;

Patty & Bob Livingston (2 plants) – In appreciation of their granddaughters and in memory of Phillip F. Svehla;

LeAnna Herstowski – In memory of LeRoy Burandt;

Holly Traynor - (2 plants) To the glory of God;

Lynda Oesterreich – In memory of Bill Oesterreich;

Nickolas Kazarian – (2 plants) In memory of Grace Gibson and Patricia Rasmussen;

Lance Rasmussen – (3 plants) In memory of Patricia Rasmussen, Art & Evelyn Rasmussen, and to the glory of God;

The Souza Family – (2 plants) In memory of Bill & Alice Souza, Mark Souza and Patricia Souza-Rasmussen;

Teresa Flowers – (2 plants) In memory of her parents Norman & Patricia;

Joan Blasko – (3 plants) In memory of Elizabeth & Edward Yarusinsky, Michael Yarusinsky and to the glory of God;

The Squires Family - (2 plants) In memory of Susan's mother Sam Nicks Foster and Pastor's grandparents Palmer & Mary Mickelson;

David & Cheryl Ross – (4 plants) In memory of Gordon & Carol Gillings and George & Jean Ross;

Dawn Werfelmann – (2 plants) To the glory of God.

Your Poinsettia's will be available for pickup after the Christmas day worship service or arrange to pick them up with the church office the following week. Contact the church office at 847-244-9647 with any questions.