WELCOME

We welcome you. May your worship strengthen your faith and growth in His grace. Visitors, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

SERVING TODAY (and next week)

Lectors: Steve R (Jeff R) Deacon: Mary S (Tim H) Praise Team off today A/V: Tim S, Ryan R (pending) Acolyte: Gabrielle O (pending) Organ: Gin V (pending)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (ESV)

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14

SCHEDULE

Mon 12/30 10:30pmPLC worship re-broadcast Ch 12(Premier)Mon 01/13 07:00pmCouncil meetingWed 01/22 07:00pmPLC Annual meetingSun 01/26 10:15amCouncil and Deacon installationSat 02/08PLC serves lunch at The Banquet SF

Sunday School holiday recess 12/22, 12/29 Confirmation holiday recess 12/25, 01/01

DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Our church leadership; the family of Harold Moeller upon his passing; Luke Helmers family; Evert DeBondt, Lorene Franken, Arlene Miller, Orville Rehder, Shirley Rehder, Irene Sneller (CrPointe Estates SC); all in need.

Kelly Rehder at 712-552-7615

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or re-broadcast Mondays 10:30am Channel 12 (Premier)



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December 29, 2024 First Sunday of Christmas Rev. William Loefke, Pastor

Faith Alive Service 10:15am Youth Sunday School 09:00am Adult Sunday School 09:15am (holiday recess 12/22 & 12/30)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Green Box remains in the Narthex through year end to receive funds for Pastor Bill's Christmas and year-end gift. Thank you and God bless.

- Celebration of Life service for Harold Moeller was held Fri Dec 27; Harold passed on to eternal life on Fri Dec 20.

- If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the PLC Council, please contact Council pres Matt Lammers (712-441-6349). The Annual meeting is 7pm on Wed Jan 22.

- Sunday School resumes next Sun Jan 5, Confirmation resumes Wed Jan 8.

- PLC will serve lunch at The Banquet Sioux Falls on Sat Feb 8. 24 volunteers are needed, sign-ups coming in January. January benevolence will be directed to this mission.

> PRAYER FOR LOCAL CONGREGATION Hope Lutheran Church, pulpit currently vacant

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Faith Alive Worship Hour!

Prelude A time of meditation and preparation for worship

Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn #258 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" "When they had seen Him, they spread the word about this Child." Luke 2:17

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

We give You thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for His persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

> Children's Time "Let the Children Come...!" Luke 18:16

> > First Lesson I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Music Ministry "Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End" Sung by Nataliia Homziakova

> Responsive Reading Psalm 148

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 Congregation Response to Epistle Reading: "Thanks be to God!"

Congregation Sings Hymn #243 "Emmanuel"

Announcement of the Holy Gospel Luke 2:41-52 "Glory to You, O Lord" Congregation Response to Gospel Reading "Praise to You, O Christ"

> Sermon "Growing in the Temple!" Sermon Notes available in Narthex

Hymn of the Day #275 "Sing We Now of Christmas" "The heavenly host appeared, saying, "Glory to God in the highest." Luke 2:13-14

Apostle's Creed

Sharing of God's Peace

Blessings of Tithes and Offerings Hymn #815 "Doxology"

Prayers Of The People Reader: "God, in Your mercy," Congregation: **"Hear our prayer."**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn #270 "Joy to the World!" "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, for He comes." Psalm 98:4, 9

Dismissal Pastor: "Dynamic Love! Dynamic Ministry! God's Holy Word!" Congregation: **"Thanks be to God!"**

Postlude

The offering plate is in the Narthex. December Benevolence Beeline Wheelchairs International Louisville, OH May God bless your generous gifts.