

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am*

*Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326*

*January 15, 2023*

*18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612*

**Worship Christ**

**Grow with Others**

**Serve Christ**



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!**

**May He bless our worship.**

## CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

## Announcements

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn

### Arise and Shine in Splendor

LSB 396



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.

5 Your heart will leap for gladness  
When from the realms of sadness  
They come from near and far.  
Your eyes will wake from slumber  
As people without number  
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

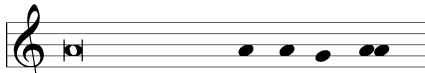
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

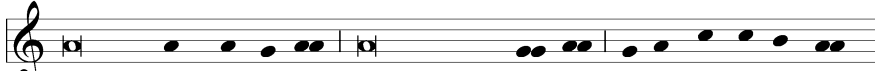
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



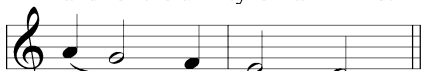
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



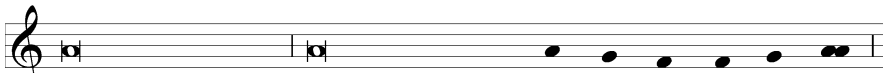
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



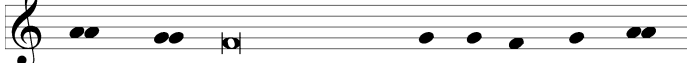
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading****Genesis 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading****Hebrews 2:14-18**

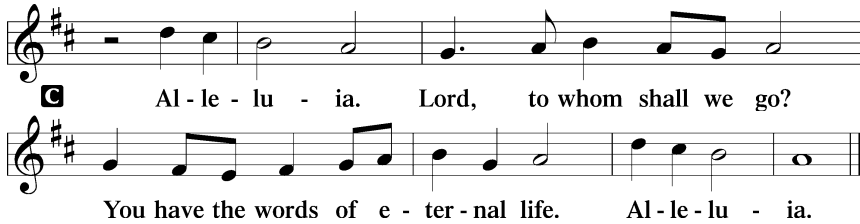
<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 12:27-33

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children’s Message

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

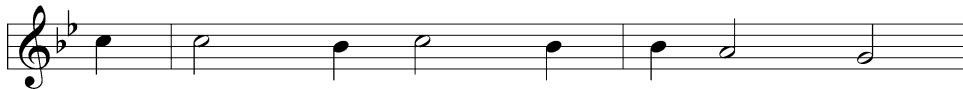
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

## O Love, How Deep

LSB 544



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;





Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

## Prayer of the Church

### Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)  
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)  
Carl Schubert  
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)  
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)  
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)  
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)  
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)  
Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)  
Harlan Brockman (*brother of Ruth Rosenau*)  
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)  
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Al Nelson

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)  
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Paul Massmann  
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)  
Tim Cano (*nephew of Dennis Iverson*)  
Robert Lingenfelter  
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)  
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)  
Debbie Santos (*niece of Lauri Howell*)  
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)  
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)

### Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)  
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)  
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)  
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)  
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)  
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)  
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)  
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)  
Shirley Vogel  
Marilyn Schubert  
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)  
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)  
Eric Bauhofer (*friend of the Girons*)  
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)  
Andria Butz  
Linda Bradley (*gr-mother of Hacks*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)  
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)  
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)  
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)  
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)  
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)  
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)  
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Girons*)  
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)  
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Pastor Graeme Rosenau  
Ruth Rosenau  
Mark Shurtleff  
Amy Chen (*neighbor of Bliss family*)  
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)  
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)  
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)

Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*) Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)

## **Blessings**

Birth of Samuel Jacob Couch

## **Military**

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)

Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)

Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)

Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)

Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)

Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

## **Persecuted Church**

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

## **Mental Health**

All those struggling with mental health issues

## **Mission Field**

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

## **Relief and Mission Organizations We Support**

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

## *Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**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 unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

# The Words of Our Lord

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

## Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

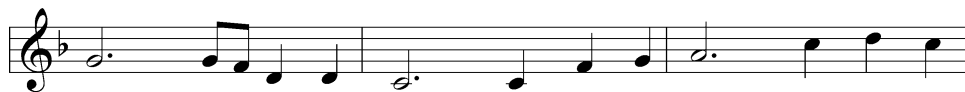
*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in His name: For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
 cho - and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
 rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen**



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# *Weekly Announcements*

## **Elder Meeting January 17 at 6:30pm**

### **Adult Ed: Why do we follow some OT laws but not others?**

There are certain laws that God gave in the Old Testament that we don't follow anymore. Do we get to pick and choose which ones to follow or are there scriptural reasons why some are not followed or enforced anymore??? Join us Jan 15, 22 and 29, at 9:20am in the Sanctuary, as we look at the Three Divisions of the Old Testament Law.

### **31 Days of Prayer**

We will be joining together to pray for the same things everyday in January. Usually, we would have daily devotions, but you are reading at least one chapter of the bible a day. We will be printing weekly prayers for us to do together. You can use this as part of your five minutes of daily prayer! Plus, we will all be doing it together.

### **Sun, Jan 15**

- For Eric Peters who works in the church office. Thank God for his service.
- For Jose Lizarraga who runs our online service. Many are blessed through his ministry.

### **Mon, Jan 16**

- For strength and encouragement for those who have chronic illness and disease.
- For new medications and treatments for those who struggle with illness daily.
- For caregivers who help those who need strength and healing.

### **Tue, Jan 17**

- That the kids of the church are brought up to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Protect our kids Spiritually and Physically
- Help our parents with their daily struggles of raising kids.

### **Wed, Jan 18**

- Thank God For those who worship at Light of Christ with you.
- Ask God to bless the ministry of Light of Christ with finances and people who will be willing to serve.

### **Thu, Jan 19**

- For the families of Light of Christ to always remember that God is with them.
- For our youth programs as they help parents teach their kids about Jesus.

### **Fri, Jan 20**

- For those who are in danger of being killed because of their faith in Jesus.
- For the family of those who have been arrested and killed because of their faith in Jesus.
- That those who are being tortured and killed because of their faith in Jesus be kept in the one true faith.



## Sat, Jan 21

- Ask God to help Light of Christ always preach Christ crucified and resurrected.
- Help members talk to non-believers about Jesus

## Online Giving

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

## LOC Ministry Update

*Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.*

## January 2023 Reading Plan

### Based on Sermon topics for the month

Sunday	January 1	Hebrews 1	Tuesday	January 17	Galatians 4
Monday	January 2	Hebrews 2	Wednesday	January 18	Galatians 5
Tuesday	January 3	Hebrews 3	Thursday	January 19	Galatians 6
Wednesday	January 4	Hebrews 4	Friday	January 20	1 Peter 1
Thursday	January 5	Hebrews 5	Saturday	January 21	1 Peter 2
Friday	January 6	Hebrews 6	Sunday	January 22	1 Peter 3
Saturday	January 7	Hebrews 7	Monday	January 23	1 Peter 4
Sunday	January 8	Hebrews 8	Tuesday	January 24	1 Peter 5
Monday	January 9	Hebrews 9	Wednesday	January 25	1 John 1
Tuesday	January 10	Hebrews 10	Thursday	January 26	1 John 2
Wednesday	January 11	Hebrews 11	Friday	January 27	1 John 3
Thursday	January 12	Hebrews 12	Saturday	January 28	1 John 4
Friday	January 13	Hebrews 13	Sunday	January 29	1 John 5
Saturday	January 14	Galatians 1	Monday	January 30	2 John 1
Sunday	January 15	Galatians 2	Tuesday	January 31	3 John 1
Monday	January 16	Galatians 3			

## Bunco Fundraiser January 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a night of games and fun, win prizes while helping raise money for The Divine Child Care Orphanage. [www.divine-orphanage.org](http://www.divine-orphanage.org)  
Suggested donation of \$10 per person.

For more info contact Julie Voelz 949-933-9170.

# Sunday Youth Announcements

## Winter Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Upper Room with Noël & Charles

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Margo & Hannah

College meets in the Room Next to the Kitchen with Ben

## High School Winter Small Groups Start Jan 29th

*The Final Four!* Join DCE fieldworker Margo on Sunday Morning's at 9:15 and Weekday (TBD both time and day) Evening's for an in depth dive into the final four books of the Old Testament. Starting January 29th and going to February 19th we will explore the attributes of God and look at how Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi prepare us for Easter. Can't wait to see you there!

**Sr High Winter Blast Retreat on January 20-22, 2023 is FULL. We have 15 youth and 2 adults going. If you want to be added to the waitlist, let Noel know ASAP.**

## Save the Date: High School Paintball on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

\$45 per person included 3 hours of play, Soft-Paint Ball Gun & 500 paintballs. Please respond to the Evite.

## Confirmation Progressive Dinner on January 28th from 5-8 pm

Appetizer, Salad Bar, Main Dish and Dessert will be served at 4 different locations. Respond to the Evite.

## Faith Milestone #2 – Picture Bible

In this milestone, parents attend a class on the importance of having family devotions and the significance of "Blessing" your child with a written and spoken blessing. At the end of this class, families take part in a special service to commemorate this important milestone and speak a word of blessing over their child. At this time the children will receive their picture bible. This is also a time for parents/guardians to renew their commitment to be faith mentors for their child. If you would like more info on this Milestone, please contact our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson at [childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com). Our next class is on **Jan. 22nd & 29th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 12th.**

### **Faith Milestone #3 – First Bible**

By second grade, children have begun to read well enough to start using their own Bibles. In this milestone, parents are invited to a special class to help parents fulfill their baptismal promise to place the Scriptures into the hand of their child and teaches them about the importance of the Bible in their child's faith development. Parents/guardians and sponsors take part in a special service and have the opportunity to present the Bible to their child and speak a word of blessing over their child. If you would like more info on this Milestone, please contact our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson at [childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com). Our next class is on **Feb. 5th & 12th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 26th.**

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