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Lutheran Church & School

December 8th, 2019 ~ The Second Sunday in Advent

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PRELUDE: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
(Text for meditation: LSB # 344)

Michael Burkhardt

Stand

OPENING HYMN: "When All the World Was Cursed"



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.

4 Thrice blessed every one
Who heeds the proclamation
Which John the Baptist brought,
Accepting Christ's salvation.
He who believes this truth
And comes with love unfeigned
Has righteousness and peace
In fullest measure gained.

5 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 ✠ 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.

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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

(Antiphon, Is. 30:30; Ps. 80:1-2)

People of Zion, behold the Lord will come to save the | nations;*
and the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard in the gladness | of
your heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,*

stir up your might and come to | save us!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

People of Zion, behold the Lord will come to save the | nations;*
and the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard in the gladness | of
your heart.

1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Give the king your justice, | O God,*

and your righteousness to the | royal son!

**May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the
children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!**

May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!**

In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

**May he have dominion from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!**

May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him*
and his enemies | lick the dust!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!

**For he delivers the needy | when he calls,*
the poor and him who has no | helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the | needy,*
and saves the lives of the | needy.

**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their life,*
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be giv- | en to him!*

May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him | all
the day!

**May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains
may it wave; may its fruit be like | Lebanon;*
and may people blossom in the cities like the grass | of the field!**

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long | as the sun!*

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him | blessed!

**Blesséd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.**

Blesséd be his glorious name for- | ever;*

may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up

children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry”

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All:



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!

*Choir: 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.*

**All: 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

Choir: 4 *Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.*

All: 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

- choral settings by Kenneth T. Kosche

SERMON

Stand

VOTIVE

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

MUSIC: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Healey Willan

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

A Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

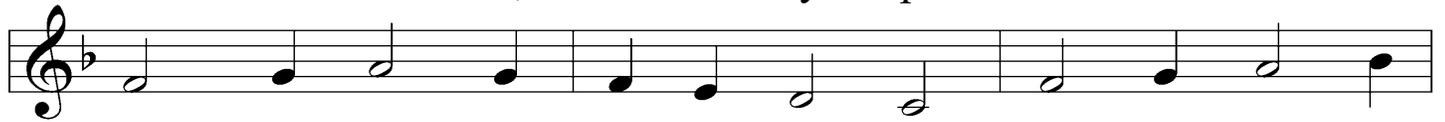


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn on next page...

CLOSING HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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In Our Prayers

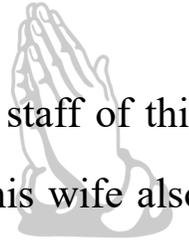
Safety for those who travel.

Liam Long (Great Nephew of Brent & Suzet Roggow)

All Beings to be well, happy, and peaceful! May the congregation and staff of this church be filled with many blessings.

Tudy's Brother who has about 9 months to live according to his doctor, his wife also had a massive heart attack and passed away.

Doris Benson safety and return home.



Christmas CAROLING

St. John's will be caroling on Friday, December 20th at 6:00.
Everyone and every age are welcome to join.

*On Sunday, December 15th,
we will have an Advent Vespers
service at 6:00 P.M. led by the adult
choir of St. John's and the students of
St. John's School. Please join us as
we remember Christ's first advent and
prepare for his coming again.*

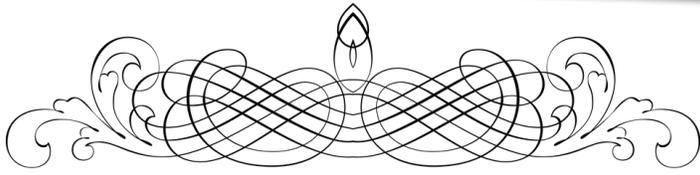
Important Voter's Meeting

*December 15th,
following all activities
We will be voting on the 2020
budget at this meeting.*



*SJLS PAL's will have the Elf Shelf (Christmas Store)
will be open Today after Sunday School
to allow the children to do a little Christmas shopping (on a budget)
for their families. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Announcements



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 4th at 6:30

The Senior Saints will be providing a meal

December 11th at 6:30

Need a Group to volunteer to provide dinner

December 18th at 6:30

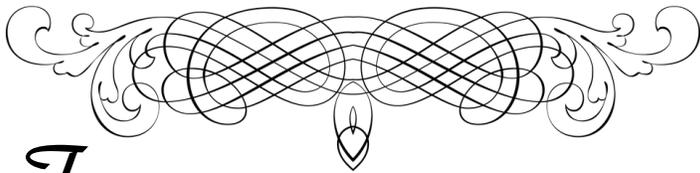
Need a Group to volunteer to provide dinner

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24th at 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

December 25th at 9:30am



For our **December Inasmuch project:**

LWML has partnered with Oklahoma City's Educare, an early learning center of Sunbeam Family Services, to provide Christmas food baskets to five families who could use assistance with meals through the week between Christmas and the new year. Provided will be a Christmas meal of turkey and all the traditional sides, but needed also will be basic food supplies like canned and dry foods, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and fresh fruit. The five food baskets will be delivered to Educare the morning of December 18. Donations will be collected as usual in the narthex up to Sunday, December 14. Monetary donations may be given to Shirley Graumann. Thank you in advance for helping five Educare families have a merrier Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Save the date...

The children will be practicing for their Christmas Program during Sunday School on December 1st and the 8th.

Also, we will practice on Saturday the 7th at 1:00pm and Saturday the 14th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

Our Program will be during the Sunday School hour on the 15th.

Please come and celebrate with our Sunday School children as they share the story of our Savior's Birth.

Finally, the children will have a "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" following the Program.

It will be held in the School Gymnasium.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 22nd or 29th



LWML Ladies Christmas Party!



Get to know your church family

Get Involved, Make a Difference.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Bible Study w/ Pastor Bersche	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Grounded: Current Issues	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Youth Group	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 5:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 6:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm (we skip the 1st Tuesday of each month)	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	2nd & 4th Tuesday each month	Blanchard Hall
WOW: Women of the Word	Tuesdays, 2:00pm	Library
LWML	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00pm	Library
Quilters	Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:00am	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Library
Young Adult Bible Study	Sundays, 09:15am	School
In Christ Alone Bible Study	Thursdays, 7:00pm	Varies
Men's Bible Study	3rd Saturday every month, 08:00am	Blanchard Hall

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Birthday!

December 8th-15th

No Anniversaries

December 8th: Craig Sproat

December 9th: William Fleming

December 10th: Riley Ward

December 11th: Donald Harrison

December 15th: Kent Carter, Stormy Johnson

Missing Birthday or Anniversary? Email Lacy at: Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life
We may not have a Family Record Form on file or it may need to be updated.



Kitchen Project

We are needing \$12-13K to complete the kitchen remodeling project. The additional funding will pay for a new stove, counter tops, exhaust hood, and hardware for the new kitchen cabinets. Please donate what you can to help us complete this project. Thank you for your support.

~The Kitchen Committee



ST. JOHN'S HEAT & AIR FUND

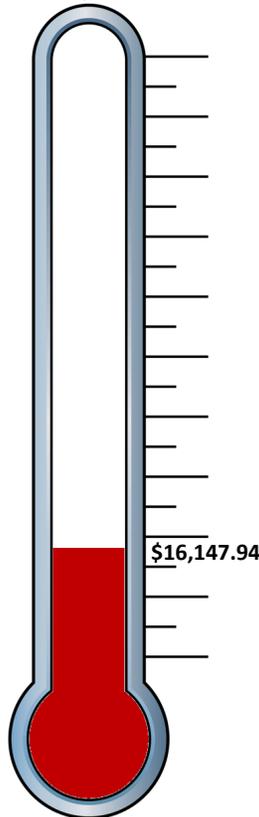
Several of our old heat and air units here at the church really need to be replaced as soon as possible, in order to do that \$61,300 will need to be collected and put into the heat and air fund. Considering we have about 125 active members, that would average to about \$500 per person. If you would like to donate please mark envelopes "St. John's heat & air fund"

Our current fund only has about \$10,000, but if systems don't get replaced soon that money will quickly get depleted as we pay to maintain our old heat & air units. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Please and Thank you!
~Ricco

GOAL!

\$61,300



ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, November 27th

06:30pm: 17

Sunday, December 1st

09:00am: 125

Children's Sunday School: 21

STEWARDSHIP

Wednesday, November 13th

\$1,635.00

Sunday, November 17th

\$4,480.00

Wednesday, November 20th

\$445.00

Sunday, November 24th

\$3,490.55

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?

We have listening devices that will help you to concentrate on the worship service and also shut out surrounding noise distractions. If you would like to try one you may speak to Larry Urish, Beverly Eskew, or one of the Elders. They will be very happy to help you try a listening device at one of our worship services.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

A cry room with speakers is provided in the back of the sanctuary during both services.

ALTAR FLOWERS

See the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. You may purchase one or two vases at \$20 each. Just fill out the envelope, include your payment and the dedication, then drop it in the collection plate. If needed, there are temporary containers in the Sacristy for you to borrow so that you may take flowers home. However, please remember to bring back our flower containers so that we may reuse them. Thank you!

St. John's Lutheran Church

For the Week of December 8th, 2019 - December 15th, 2019

Sunday

December 8th

Worship Service

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

Monday

December 9th

Handbell Rehearsal

05:45pm, Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

06:45pm, Choir Loft

Sunday

December 15th

Worship Service: Communion

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

Tuesday

December 10th

Tuesday Night Bible Study

06:00pm, Library

Wednesday

December 11th

School Chapel

09:00am, School Gym

Quilters

09:00am-11:00am, Blanchard Hall

Bible Study

Cancelled until further notice

Worship Service

06:30pm, Sanctuary

ALTAR GUILD

Judy Cregan, Gena Brensdal, Darold Booton, Marilyn Groh, Brandon Williams

USHERS

1st Sunday of the Month

J. Groh, M. Mathews, C. Corey, S. Lake

2nd Sunday of the Month

M. Tolman, S. Frazier, C. Corey, L. Urish, J. Olson, S. Christopher, C. Karner

3rd Sunday of the Month

J. O'Laughlin, R. Barker, B. Baird, R. Brensdal, S. Reynolds, K. Wilson, R. Malson

4th Sunday of the Month

R. Picione, P. Shurow, G. Hinrichs, L. Grummer, T. Kuter

Floater

R. Harpham & F. Reichert

ATTENTION!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,
WE WILL TEMPORARILY
BE HAVING

**ONE SUNDAY
SERVICE
AT 9:00AM**

**WE WILL ALSO BE
HAVING COMMUNION
ON JUST THE 1ST, 3RD,
AND 5TH SUNDAY.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL
WILL FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SERVICE
THANK YOU FOR
UNDERSTANDING.