

# CHURCH *Matters*



Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 12.21 Edition

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## *Confirmation 2020*

*Due to Covid, our 2020 Confirmation was delayed.  
The big day finally came on October 31, 2021!*



*Confirmands: Evan Blades, Sophia Gregersen, and Jared Nelson*

# Confirmation Sunday





## *Confirmation Class 2020*



*October 31, 2021*

*Photos by Doug Sime*

## *Bible Presentation to New Confirmands*

Confirmation started for the next group of Confirmands: Aiden Jones, Owen Jones, and Tristan Donaldson. They were presented with Bibles on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021.

*Photo by Rhonda Berg*



# Message from Pastor Markus

December 2021

After two years of pandemic restrictions, most people I know are hoping that this year will be “normal” again. Being fully vaccinated, we will hopefully be able to welcome each other, our family and friends, in our homes, without too much fear of infection. Some people, unvaccinated, will still be excluded. That is unfortunate and sad. But all in all, we are happy that things are kind of back to the way they were. I see it in the efforts made to decorate our homes and churches and public venues. I was involved in the performance of Handel’s Messiah last week at the Winspear concert hall. There were restrictions on attendance, masking and distancing rules for all, including singers. But we were glad to be singing again in this wonderful venue after two years of silence.

But it all felt and feels a bit strange to me. Here we are going back to the way things used to be. Back to the old décor, the same busyness and activity, in our homes, churches and public venues; back to the routines of shopping, parties, trees, presents. Back to new versions of the same old idea, like the beer Advent calendar. Some of us welcome this excitement while others are perhaps groaning with fatigue.

I’m thinking, “Is this what Advent is: a return to our old ways?” Is it not the opposite: the turning from our ways to God’s? The austere cry of John the Baptist enters our ears twice during these days of preparation. But does it enter our hearts and minds and guide our feet and hands?

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ... You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance.” (Luke 3)

John lived an austere life in the wilderness. That’s where the word of God came to him. That’s where the way of God to us is prepared. Not in the mall, or in front of a screen, nor indeed in a candle-light service, or in front of the Christmas tree.

Could we, should we, learn from the pandemic? What has God to do with it? Isn’t the uncertainty and ambiguity it created a way to God? If we are uncertain about our physical health, we may in fact long for the salvation of God. Physical health is one aspect of God’s salvation. Salve means healing. But healing is more than a cure for COVID. Healing is relational. It means one-ness, atonement, or “at-one-ment”, in all our relationships, starting with God.

Our lives are fragmented, and our society is sick with division, frustration, anger, inequality, and historic injustice. Our earthly home is overwhelmed with problems of our own collective and cumulative making, problems much larger than we can solve by

ourselves. How can Advent become a way for God to show up and save us? Not by going back to “normal”, to the way things were before, our own ways. “My ways are not your ways, says the LORD,” the prophet Isaiah wrote. When the urge is to return to our own past, let us resist and ask: how can I contribute to the healing of the world and my relationships? In which new direction is the Spirit luring me?

This, I think, is what Christmas is about: the new thing God is about to do. The thing no-one expects or even comprehends. God showing up in the lives of the poor and simple, the lives of the couple from Nazareth, of John, of shepherds in the fields, of cattle in the stable.

How does this story impact your perspective on where God’s way is taking you? Are you prepared for God showing up in your life? How have you prepared the way? I leave you with this blessing by St Paul from the readings of the first Sunday in Advent:

“Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Pr. Markus Wilhelm

## **Welcoming New Members**

Are you new to Glory Lutheran Church? Are you wanting to explore your faith, find community and discover ways to serve others in the church? Do you wonder how to become a baptized, confirmed, active, voting member of this congregation? Are you interested in transferring your membership from another congregation? Then New Member Sunday is for you. Those who were already baptized, confirmed and members of a Lutheran congregation before, can simply be received by transfer in that Sunday’s service. Those who want to be baptized or confirmed, or are coming to us from other denominations, are invited to the welcome sessions on the five Sundays prior to the New Member Sunday. We will explore where we are on our respective journeys, what the Lutheran church teaches, and how the congregation of Glory can be a home for us to live our faith in God and serve others in Christ’s name.

**Our series of Welcome Sessions will run every Sunday from January 9<sup>th</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:15 am. We will meet in person at the church, subject to applicable restrictions. Please notify the church office, if you would like to take part. If you have concerns about in-person participation, please speak to Pr. Markus, so alternate arrangements can be made.**

**New Member Sunday will be February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

# CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

**The Glory Nomination Committee welcomes you to consider volunteering for Church Council** - to share in the joy of being elected by the congregation to provide guidance for a three year term; to deliberate and make decisions about the policies, practices and plans for the future of our church.

Council is guided by our constitution and is responsible for specific areas of church life -- such as Youth & Children, Worship & Music, Education, Finance & Stewardship, Congregational Life, Property & Facilities, Community Outreach as well as the care, support and encouragement of our pastor.

**CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR:** Our council chair and vice chair maintain oversight of the council and have general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation. Together, with council, they are responsible for ensuring that everything is done in accordance with the word of God, the faith and practises of the ELCIC, the constitution, bylaws, resolutions, purposes and principles of Glory Lutheran Church.

**PASTOR:** Pastor Markus is the voice of spiritual leadership and wisdom at Council meetings and participates in a consultative role. A Mutual Ministry committee provides care for the well-being of the Pastor.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** The Worship Committee works tirelessly to provide worshipful experiences for you through readings, music, the altar guild, children's stories and visual arts.

**FACILITY EVENTS:** The Facilities Committee is responsible for the promotion and rental of the facility space. Our facility provides opportunities for others (both from our congregation and the community) to gather for many occasions.

**CREATION CARE:** The creation care team loves our earth and feels this life in the dirt under their bent knees! The blessing of a land site to honour and serve God goes far beyond the 44 acres and spreads into areas such as recycling, conscientious use of lighting, etc.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** This committee provides leadership in ministries which deepen the spiritual life and support the care & well being of the congregation including supporting outreach, work groups, guest speakers and the many special events that bring joyous fellowship to our congregation.

**PROPERTY:** The property committee works hard in all areas of our property making it safe for all to enjoy. The property team oversees the lawn care, painting, wiring, etc needs of our church.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** The stewardship committee provides leadership in the management of the congregational funds. Their strong, confident financial understanding and creative energy results in the congregation stepping out in faithful giving. The Finance team oversees audits, maintaining the church funds, and budget preparation.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** This committee focuses on programs that will reach out to those both within and outside of our congregation. They focus on initiatives that extend our care in various ways to the less fortunate of our community or world.

**EDUCATION:** This committee has a special responsibility for providing leadership in adult and children's education - to assist persons to grow in grace, faith and knowledge. This includes Vacation Bible School, supporting, recruiting, motivating and equipping Sunday School teachers and superintendents.

**ALL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES:** The council needs the leadership of members who are willing, not only to give of their time and thoughtful opinion, but also to make, at times, difficult decisions and even risk a little criticism from other members. They are accountable to the Church Body through scheduled and special congregational meetings. Council meets monthly, at emergency meetings should the need arise, as well as participate in an annual planning retreat to appraise the present state of the church and clarify its near and long range future plans.

Prospective council members need not have experience in church leadership. (Here is where you get that experience.) There is no race, gender or age requirement (other than being confirmed and with mature judgment). There is no education, career or financial qualification. Genuine faith and willingness to speak and work for the glory of God is what we need and ask for.

Church members who have a genuine love for Jesus Christ and HIS church; who are concerned about God's will and the mission and direction of their church; and who are willing to speak up and work for the betterment of this community, the family of faith called Glory Lutheran Church, are all potential candidates for council.

If you are asking yourself "*Should I consider being a candidate for council?*" feel free to talk with anyone on the Congregation's Nomination Committee for more information.

During the next couple of months, we will be reaching out to several in our congregation to ask for your consideration and consent to have your name stand to be elected to Glory's Congregational Council.

Many blessings,

Rhonda Berg (780-449-6682)

Ellen Sitler (780-604-5970)

Kurtis Ashton (780-435-5998)

Pastor Markus (780-416-9594)

Pat Becker (780-998-5345)



# Our *Spiritual* Journey

*A Message from Pastor Nickel*

We all are ALREADY ON our Spiritual Journey -- and **LOVE IS** a very important part of our Journey.

**LOVE!** How about: **"Who loves ya', Baby"** Yes, you knew there was love expressed by that tv character in a series -- in a world where few people spoke about love in public. Love -- it's often invisible in our public history.

Have marriages spoken aloud of love a lot? **"Tell her I love her? Why, I told her that 25 years ago when we got married!"** "Tell the kids we love them? ..Sure, when they need reassurance or comfort, maybe." "Why not leave love up to romance stories, falling-in-love, or poetry."

But then more people started to live lives in response to love, **God's love**, and to speak of it. We were even challenged to tell our children, "Love you!"

Ava's now busy for a month making cookies for Family. Can't do a lot each day because of her back. But she does it out of love, love felt and expressed.

Sooo, "All you need is love" -- right? "God is love" -- right? **Stop, and Be Careful** -- because it's easy to see God only in how and what we imagine "love" is [or, "love is god"??], and leave God out of things.

**Instead**, consider this key: because God loves us, he sent his Son Jesus Christ to earth to us and died for us as his substitute for our sins!!! Consider: out of love He rose from death for us, giving us the promise of eternal life. [John 3:16-17]

## **GOD ALSO REVEALED HIMSELF TO US THROUGH LOVE:**

- + in His ongoing creative activity in the world,
- + through the law which confronts us and our deeds and misdeeds,
- + actively through life around us -- with the Holy Spirit's help, and
- + gives a desire to try to do justice, to help one another in spite of ourselves.
- + He loves us even when we mess up *in* the world & when we mess up the world.

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**God IS** the source of all life. He calls, leads, directs us -- but He does not force us in how we live our lives. We have that "free will" to do what is right or what is wrong, to know his love, or not.

That reminds me of: His love is like a rope around the hand of a drowning person, lovingly pulling them to shore/safety/life. Our choice is to continue with Him and His Love, or take off the rope and be on our own.

We celebrate that coming of Jesus as BOTH God's Son AND that he came in human form at Christmas-time.

**We celebrate that love of God for us** by trying to put Him first in our lives, not ourselves first. We don't pray or meditate or worship in order to feel better, to get God to love us, nor to get closer to God's side. That would be to put ourselves first, not God.

We don't put our trust in fortune-tellers, gurus, political strategists, social media's latest top millionaire earner, latest conspiracy theories. Instead we're invited to trust in God and leave the future in God's loving hands.

Even though the world and we have so many problems and worries, we are invited to have "Hope" [not despair] *because of God's love* -- to live our lives **in response** to God's love for us -- even in spite of what happens. Love is often a response...

I decided to try for the Ministry in response to the many blessings I felt God had given me and my family, years ago. I, with the usual ups and downs, still don't feel any change in being thankful for what God has blessed me with. Because God loves and blesses me, I respond in ways I am best able to do, AND I do it with God's help through the Holy Spirit!

One example -- **Prayer can be a special loving gift** that we can use and share with others, whether in the family or elsewhere. Yes, Prayer is one of the greatest gifts we can teach our children or help a friend with. Prayer can let out grievances into the open, praise achievement, make note of problems, and express joy -- all while communicating with God.

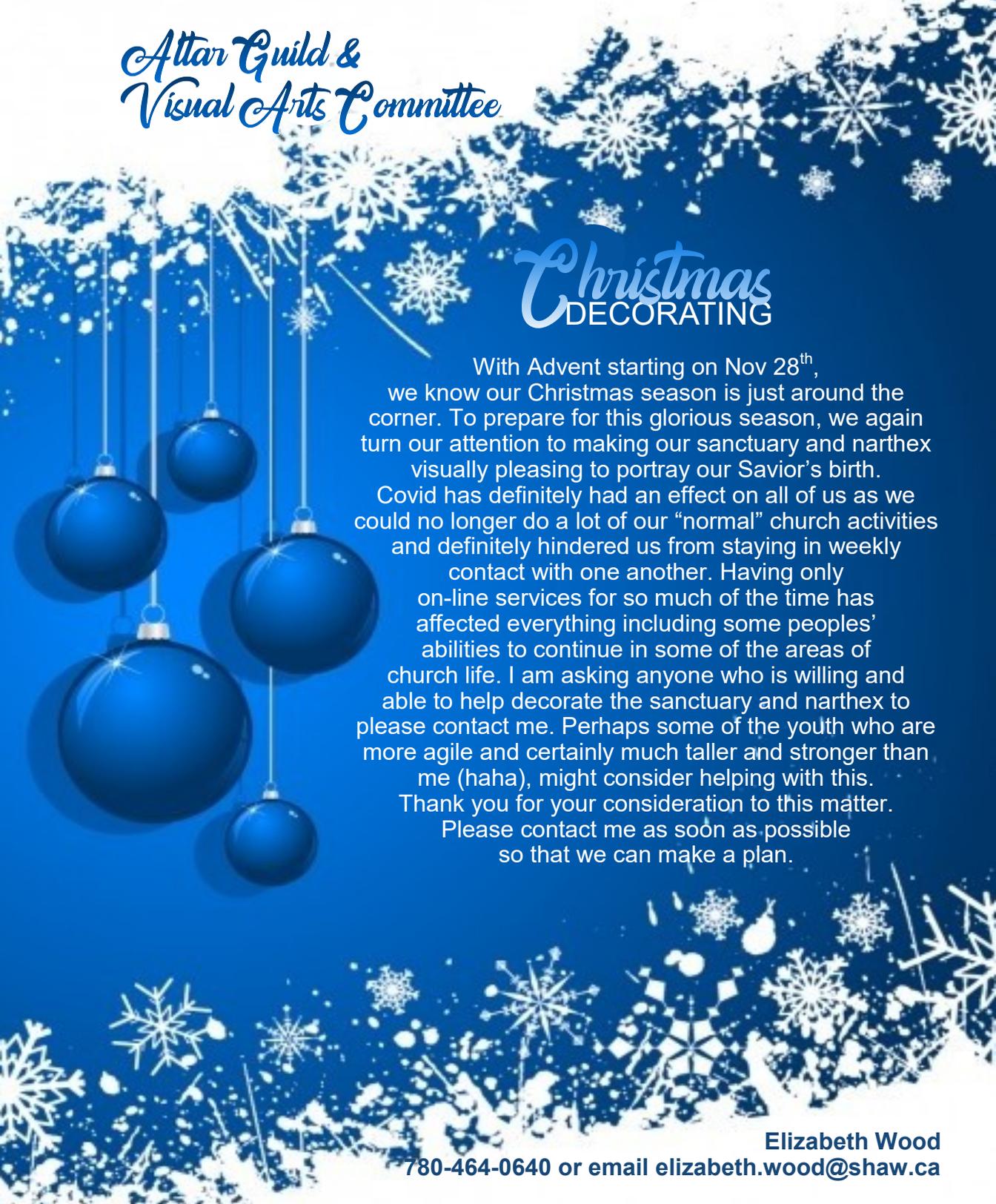
Prayer: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Prayer: Helping someone to pray for the first time?

= "Try it for a month as if you believe in it, and you will."

**AND WE PRAY in LOVE -- in RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE** for us!

~Gary Nickel



*Altar Guild &  
Visual Arts Committee*

## *Christmas* DECORATING

With Advent starting on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, we know our Christmas season is just around the corner. To prepare for this glorious season, we again turn our attention to making our sanctuary and narthex visually pleasing to portray our Savior's birth. Covid has definitely had an effect on all of us as we could no longer do a lot of our "normal" church activities and definitely hindered us from staying in weekly contact with one another. Having only on-line services for so much of the time has affected everything including some peoples' abilities to continue in some of the areas of church life. I am asking anyone who is willing and able to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex to please contact me. Perhaps some of the youth who are more agile and certainly much taller and stronger than me (haha), might consider helping with this. Thank you for your consideration to this matter. Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make a plan.

**Elizabeth Wood**  
780-464-0640 or email [elizabeth.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:elizabeth.wood@shaw.ca)

# I've Been Wondering...



## **Where did the idea of a memorial garden come from?**

The idea of a memorial garden first came up years ago, after the land was first purchased. Visioning sessions were held soon after we purchased the land to get input on what features people were interested in seeing on the property. The MG was one of the top suggestions and over the years it resurfaced numerous times.

## **Is it just a memorial garden or will there be more to it?**

The Memorial Garden Committee was

asked by Council to come up with a design plan for a memorial garden. As the plan has developed, the potential of this garden to be a multi-use garden area became apparent. It will be beautiful place where people can reflect on and honour the memories of loved ones, but it will also be a place to make new memories. It can be used for activities during Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, or Confirmation classes. It will be a great spot to visit with friends - perhaps with a cup of coffee in hand. The gazebo will lend itself to be a place for friends, family, and groups to meet to remember and reflect, or to share time in music or a bible study. This garden will also be the gateway to the nature walk.

The name "Memorial Garden" is not written in stone and can certainly be changed to better reflect the multi-use of the beautiful garden area.

## **Are we developing the entire garden at once?**

Good question and the answer is 'no'. The garden on the plan that was presented is large – it is larger than a NHL hockey rink and will be developed in phases. The first phase includes a lot of the 'hardscaping' -- the electrical work, and a pathway from the church, etc., so it is a more involved phase.

## **What about maintenance of the garden?**

We all know that there is no such thing as a no-maintenance garden but this garden has been designed to be low-maintenance. There is no grass to be mowed and a thick layer of mulch will help to deter weeds. Shrubs and trees have been chosen that are suited for the openness of an acreage-type environment.

However, there is no doubt that a dedicated group of individuals will be required to help with the garden and particularly to ensure that the shrubs and trees get watered regularly in the early stages.

## **Is this project certain to go ahead?**

Yes, the fundraiser runs until end of January and at that time, we will move forward with the funds that are available. It may be a modified or scaled down version of phase one but it will, never-the-less, be lovely.



### **Another Milestone Birthday**

Glory 50 Plus representatives gathered once again to celebrate yet another milestone birthday. **Carol King** listened to the Birthday song that echoed off the walls of their heated garage as we warbled together to mark her special day.

Thanks to Mike King for making their heated garage available to this eager group who wanted to be there to recognize Carol, yet were not anxious to stand in the cold. Keeping COVID precautions in mind, the group distributed cupcakes to enjoy later.



# \* GIFTS \* FROM THE \* HEART \*

*Gifts from the Heart* is now available!



## ***Fight COVID-19***

Help stop the spread of COVID-19 and give a gift that makes sure life-saving work can continue in vulnerable communities around the world.

<https://www.clwr.org/covid-19-response-gifts>



## ***Matched Gifts***

Make your gift go farther with a gift that's matched! Give more when you choose a gift that's multiplied up to 4x by our partners.

<https://www.clwr.org/products/matching-gifts>

Our online *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue is full of thoughtful and creative gifts that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. Bring joy to your loved ones and change the lives of people around the world this Christmas!

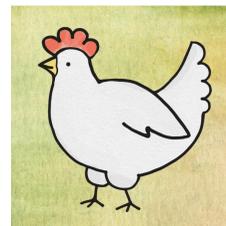
<https://www.clwr.org/gfth2021>



## ***Share Opportunity!***

Your gift can do more than just help people for today. Give a family hope for tomorrow with the chance to grow their own food and earn an income!

<https://www.clwr.org/products/share-opportunity>



## ***Gifts for Kids!***

Chickens, goats, seeds, trees and more! Let your little ones share in the joy of giving with a gift from our Tiny Hearts garden!

<https://www.clwr.org/products/tiny-hearts>

# HELP WANTED

Do you want to make a difference in a child's faith life?

Do you have a willingness to support our children in their faith journey with love, compassion, and patience?

If so, Sunday School is for you!

Glory Lutheran Church is looking for  
volunteers for the following roles:  
**Sunday School Coordinator(s)**  
**Teachers and Assistants**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A sincere desire to positively impact  
the lives of children and to share God's word!

You need not be a biblical expert!

Persons of all ages (from confirmed youth to long-time members)  
are encouraged to get involved.

Contact: Greg Jeffrey  
[greg.jeffery@ata.ab.ca](mailto:greg.jeffery@ata.ab.ca)

***Commencement date is to be determined, dependent on  
congregational comfort with the state of the pandemic after resuming  
in-person worship and the filling of these roles.***

## Service Volunteers Needed!

**Greeters:** Greet people at the door with a smile.  
**Ushers:** Distribute service bulletins, assist with distanced seating, count attendance, secure offering, collect bulletins.

*Please sign up on the calendar on the easel stand  
in the Narthex at church or contact the office.*

**Children's Time Story Tellers:** *To volunteer, please contact Rhonda Berg.  
780-440-6682 [bergsdownunder@gmail.com](mailto:bergsdownunder@gmail.com)*

**Counters:** *To volunteer to help count the offering after service on Sundays  
(usually 1 Sunday per month), please contact Chelsea Ashton.  
780-435-5998 [kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com)*

## Bishop's Message - December 2021



Dear friends and family in †Christ--

In the reading from Luke for the first Sunday in Advent, we are confronted with a portion of Luke's apocalypse. It is a reading where Jesus offers up images that we associate with the end. Perhaps it is the end as it pertained to the Jerusalem temple. Or maybe Christ's words were meant in a more far-reaching sense, pointing to the end of all things. We have often read these words in such a way. It is hard not to. These words speak of the Son of Man coming upon a cloud and of creation itself showing signs of the coming of the end. We can get so caught up looking for what is coming, at watching for the signs of this final time, that we don't hear the good news.

And, yes, there is good news, even though it seems overshadowed by these visions of rapture that dance through our heads. There is good news, even as Jesus warns us to hold fast against what is coming. The good news is this. The kingdom of God is near or in some translations, at hand. Now, that could be read as part of the foreboding nature of this text. The Kingdom of God is near? Yikes, I better shape up. God will be here soon. But it is also good news. The kingdom of God is near. God will soon usher in God's kingdom and will make everything right.

But I will offer to you another thought on the word "near". The word in this context is the Greek *eggus*, which can mean nearby, both in time and in position. The Kingdom of God approaches and will soon be here. But another use of the word is to indicate nearness as a way of accessing God. The Jews, for example, were near to God. God was their God, and they were God's people. The nearness wasn't about God soon arriving. It was about having God close at hand, able to be accessed. Israel saw their relationship with God in such a way. God wasn't distant. God wouldn't show up one day. God was with them already.

This understanding situates itself well with the story of the Israelites all through their history. God was not a distant God to them. God was a warrior, who fought for them. God was the one who helped Moses split open a sea or gave David the power to overcome Goliath. God brought the people together as a nation and God, they believed, abided in the temple. That was where God was to be found. That was the centre of all things.

Now, we might not agree with their cosmology, or the idea of God being limited to the temple in any way, but there is something so intriguing and beautiful about God being near like that, as near as a family member or friend. One to reach out to and take comfort in and gain strength from. We might not think of God that way but consider that this was the same God who came down in the person of Christ, God incarnate, to walk amongst God's people. Jesus lived and ate and wept and laughed and healed and taught and slept and died right along with us. He was as near to his disciples as I am when I sit with my family at the end of the evening. He was near and he loved them, and they loved him.

The nearness of God does not stop there. Even after Jesus departed again from his disciples, he

gifted the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. That is the Spirit who sustains us and guides us and who knows us more than we know ourselves. That is the nearness of the Spirit. As near to us as our own flesh.

To say that God's kingdom is near is to say that God is present in our lives. To say the kingdom is near is to say that even as we struggle with the realities of a harsh world, that seem only to get darker with the passing of time, God's kingdom is still near. We may wonder what can stand against such anger and hate, and yet the answer is as close as the Spirit. God can. God's kingdom, which we are called to serve, is that light which represents the very best that we can be, inspired and empowered to be such by the Spirit. The kingdom, which stands for mercy and hope, love and forgiveness, service and community, stands firmly opposed to the darkness all around us and it is near. As close to us as our own skin. It just has not been fully realized yet. But what a hope we have, knowing it is there. By knowing that, we can stand strong, because God is with us. We can persevere because the Spirit sustains us. The kingdom is near and so we can go on.

I can't think of a better way to start Advent. The Kingdom of God is near. God holds us fast. God, in Christ, came once to a manger in Bethlehem and the Holy was given flesh. The Christ will come again and then that which is near but not yet fully realized, will be in all its glory and the world, finally, will be made right.

During this Advent, may you know the nearness of God, now and throughout your days. May it give you hope.

Blessing and Peace in †Christ,  
Rev. Prema

***The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13***

thank you



Thank you to **Ermeline Ference** who Donated over 100 hand knitted toques for the Bissell Centre!

Thank you **Doug Sime** for taking the Confirmation photos (see pages 2-3), and installing the official photo in the frame at the church.



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED REQUEST FROM INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Vulnerable people living in the inner city continue to face many challenges made even more complex due to COVID-19. ICPM, with the support of area churches, wants to provide a Christmas gift to those living in the area and in the Emmanuel community.

Our congregation plans to support this meaningful outreach again this year. Here are the ways you can participate:

- Purchase a **gift card** from Walmart or Superstore in the suggested amount of \$25 or your chosen amount (Emmanuel's Christmas Gift will include a gift card for \$25)
- Provide a **cheque** in the amount you wish to donate. Make the cheque out to Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM). Please note on the Memo line of your cheque that it is for Christmas Gift Cards. Put your cheque in an envelope and place in Barb Anderson's mail folder. ICPM will use the funds to purchase gift cards or other needed items for those in need.
- Other items needed are:
  - **Waterproof ski gloves (M L XL)**
  - **Toques**
  - **Cotton socks**
  - **Underwear for Men and Women (M L XL)**
  - **Long underwear Men and Women (M L XL)**
  - **Toothbrushes**
  - **Bus Tickets**
  - **Tim Horton or McDonalds Cards**



A bin will be available in the narthex for these items.

**Collection of gift cards and clothing items will begin this  
Sunday, November 21, 2021.**

**Final collection date will be Tuesday, December 7 th.**

If you are delivering your gift cards or clothing items other than during regular Sunday worship hours, please call the church to ensure someone is there to receive you.

If you have questions, please call Barb Anderson at 780-467-8500 or Marjorie Zelent at 780-467-5363.



**November 28 - December 19 - Advent Services**

In-person and online worship continues,  
with Advent Candle Lighting - Sundays 10:30 am

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

*Advance registration is required  
for the Christmas Eve services.*

***Please register online using Eventbrite here:***

***<https://glorylutheran.eventbrite.ca>***

*or contact the office*

**December 25 - Christmas Day - No Service**

**December 26 - Sunday Worship Service**

10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

**God's blessings to all this Advent Season!**



Glory's mail is delivered to a Canada Post community mailbox. This mailbox has been broken into twice during the last month necessitating two lock changes.

**If you have sent mail to Glory during November and you believe for any reason that it has not been delivered, please contact Heidi at the church office.**

Finance  
Corner



## Update for January 1 to November 30, 2021:

Actual Offering\*: \$262,768

Budget Offering Goal\*: \$276,645

Short by \$ 13,877

\*(General Fund & Capital Building Fund)

Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

If you need any help with giving options  
(envelopes, PAR, e-transfer or Canada Helps)  
please contact the church office.

**Effective immediately, the Glory Lutheran Church Office email is:**  
**[glory.office@glorylutheran.ca](mailto:glory.office@glorylutheran.ca)**

To ensure you continue to receive our enews and congregational announcements,  
kindly add the new email address to your address book  
and delete the old telus.net email address. Please check your Spam and/or Junk  
folder(s) and if you find an email from Glory, **mark it as NOT SPAM or NOT JUNK.**  
**The old email account will not be monitored after December 31, 2021.**

**Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Please note that Heidi may be working from home.  
Email and phone calls will continue to be answered during office  
hours. Please call the office if you would like to visit the church.

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