

November 26, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Peaceful Greeting Congregation

*The Apostles Creed Bob Troutman

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, dead, and buried; on the third day He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 126

*Prayer of Assurance Bob Troutman

As we head into the season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts and minds to rejoice in the splendor and grace of our Mighty Messiah. May this be a time when we spread good tidings of great joy so that all might come to know and worship our Savior. In His Great and Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you came into the world as an obedient response to the will of the Father to atone for our sins and cleanse our souls. As we give you great thanks for this wonderful gift, we also pause to admit our sinfulness and humbly request your abundant grace and mercy. This we pray with great reverence and respect in Your Benevolent Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture Psalm 103:1-6 Bob Troutman

Second Scripture II Corinthians 5:17-21 Bob Troutman

Response

One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy!

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Bless His Holy Name" Insert

Message "Waist Management" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" No. 568

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Christmas Hymn Sing

Catch the Christmas Spirit when Oak Chapel hosts a Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Festive carols and hymns will be sung that day, and a cookie carry-in will follow in Fellowship Hall. Any musicians who wish to participate are encouraged to contact Jen Moser.

Hope for the Holiday

The Grace Ringers and Friends will present a benefit Christmas Handbell Concert on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Lincoln Way Vineyards (9050 West Old Lincoln Way). "On the Rise" Bar-B-Que Food Truck will be onsite from noon to 8 p.m. Donations will benefit Cancer Research

Advent Bible Study

Oak Chapel will host an Advent Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, beginning this week and continuing through Dec. 20. All are welcome. We are planning to offer soup and bread as a light meal on those evenings. If you would like to provide soup at the second or third session, please contact Pastor John.

An Invitation to Join Us

If you have been worshipping with us recently and would like to enter into membership at Oak Chapel, we would be honored and blessed to have you join our congregation. Just let Pastor John know, and he will make arrangements to officially welcome you into our church on Sunday, December 10.



Praises and Prayers

Father in Heaven, we find ourselves in the shadow of illness and death, and so we pray for healing and comfort. Help us to be a source of support and relief for those who are hurting, and please hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you...

Praises

- *For Oak Chapel's Membership Care ministry
- *For our social service agencies, including One-Eighty
- *For Rich Myers, who is recovering from successful surgery

Prayers

- *For Wayne Spangler, who is hospitalized in Cleveland
- *For Carol Gasser, who is dealing with severe pain
- *For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Jeff Burckhart, who is scheduled to have surgery
- *For Sandy Hower's sister-in-law, who is having treatments
- *For Sandy Treece, who is recovering from illness
- *For CJ Krichbaum, who is recovering from illness
- *For Rev. Kris Patt following the passing of her father
- *For Eric and Tiffany Varns as they travel
- *For Julie and Chloe Beckett as they travel in Thailand
- *For those who lost loved ones in the Tusky Valley tragedy
- *For the families of the two Triway graduates, who were killed in an accident last weekend

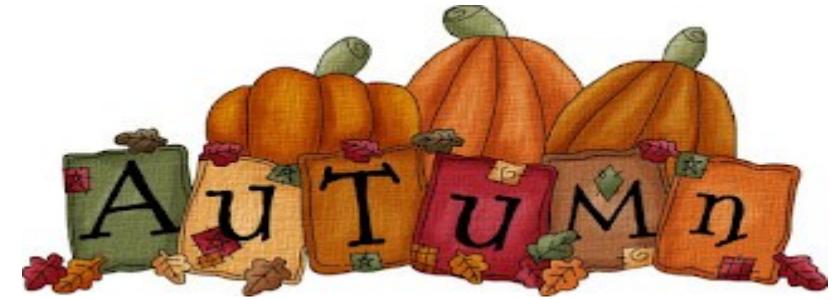
Upcoming Worship Services	
Dec 3.....	The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
Dec 10.....	Naughty or Nice
Dec 17.....	Joyful Anticipation

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/26	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Christmas Decorating	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/29	Advent Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Choir	7:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/3	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/5	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 12/6	Advent Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Choir	7:30 p.m.



Thought for the Day
A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't

Sunday Smile
*Smile!
 It increases your Face Value!*

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*Serving God and Community
 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...
"Waist Management"