

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE "THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR" (vs. 1) UMH NO. 249**

POSTLUDE "CAROL OF THE BELLS" ARR. BY: Lani Smith
(The radio broadcast is sponsored by various members and friends of the church.)

<u>Calendar of Events</u>

Sun., Dec. 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Caroling of the Choirs at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Mon., Dec. 3rd	9:30 a.m.	VMA Mtg. @ VUMC
	12:30 p.m.	Pastor Jean at Creamery Creek
	5:00 p.m.	Yoga Class @ V
Tues., Dec. 4th	7:00 p.m.	LP Admin. Bd. Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 5th	3:30 p.m.	Wed. Church School
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study @ V
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice @ V
Fri., Dec. 7th	6:00 p.m.	Women's Cookie exchange/swap @ V (see insert)
Sun., Dec. 9th	9:00 a.m.	Liberty Pole Christmas Program
	10:30 a.m.	Choir sings @ V
	3:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
	4:00 p.m.	Study Group @ K. Hansons
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class @ V

PRAYER LIST: Carol H., Mae O., Ron S., Gloria F., Annabel M., Margaret T., Gregg R., Pastor Lorie Betz, Pat M., Family of Brian Gardner, Victims of California Fires & Firefighters

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS		Ardith Olson & Janet Welch
GREETERS		Annabel McGarry
LITURGIST	Renee, Serena & Kaylee Baker	Cavan Fang
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	49	53
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$694.00	\$1,248.05

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December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M.

Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronics. **Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE “O COME O COME EMMANUEL” *Setting By: Lynn Arthur Koch*

(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS (PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEETS.)

****HYMN OF PRAISE** “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS” **UMH NO. 213**

HANGING OF THE GREENS (SEE INSERT)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

LAYNE AND JANETTE HANSON-V LP — THE THEW FAMILY

LEADER: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

PEOPLE: **This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.”**

LEADER: Long before Caesar’s decree, God decreed that a great king, an eternal king, would be born in Bethlehem: “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

People: **From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”**

LEADER: We light the first candle on our Advent wreath as we remember God’s decree, his promise that the King of kings would be born in Bethlehem.

People: **Our Lord and King, we rejoice in your birth, in the promise fulfilled!**

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE *TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE ANGEL AS A SIGN OF HOPE.*

****OPENING PRAYER** (PRAY IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, you fulfill all of your promises of your Word. Through the decree of a pagan emperor, you brought Mary and Joseph to the city of David, to Bethlehem, where the Savior according to your decree, was to be born. The Child of Bethlehem, our Lord Jesus Christ, would later issue his decree commanding us to preach the Gospel to all nations. Make us bold witnesses as we follow our Lord’s command. We pray that your Spirit would be at work through our witness so that others will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. *Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

UMH NO. 12

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYMN “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ” (REMAIN SEATED) **UMH NO. 618**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **MICAH 5:2-4** **V PEW BIBLE NO. 1097**
LP PEW BIBLE NO. 758

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 PETER 1:17-21** **V PEW BIBLE NO. 1484**
LP PEW BIBLE NO. 981

**** GOSPEL** **MATTHEW 28:16-20** **V PEW BIBLE NO. 1189**
LP PEW BIBLE NO. 811

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON “A DECREE WENT OUT” **THEME: JESUS, THE GREATER KING**

**** HYMN** “PEOPLE LOOK EAST” **UMH NO. 202**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER **UMH NO. 895**

PRAYER—See Insert

OFFERING “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR” *Arr. By: Lucy Ann Warren*

**** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “O COME O COME EMMANUEL” **UMH NO. 211**

****BENEDICTION IN UNISON:**

Leader: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days...

People: **And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen. *(service continued on back)*