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**Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**Service of Word and Prayer**

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Week Two: Peace**

P: Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because there is still so much unrest in our hearts, we light a candle of peace...

**C: Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been remade into plowshares, we light a candle of peace...** (*Light the second candle in your Advent wreath.*)

P: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

**C: May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.**

P: Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

**Hymn of the Month: We Are Waiting for Jesus**

**No. 905**

## We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
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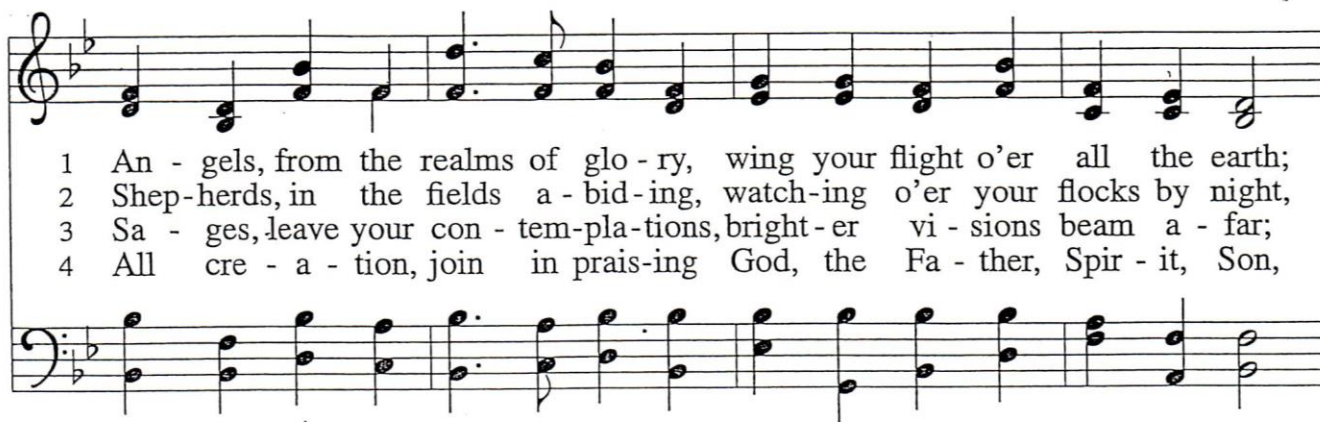
### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.*

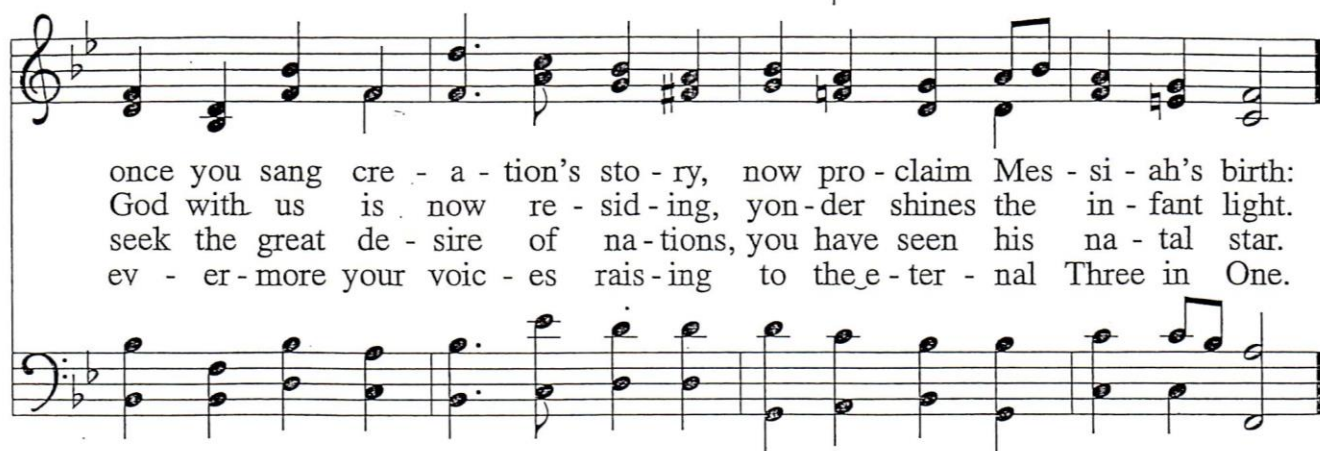
### **Children's Christmas Program "Hope for Everyone"**

(Only verse one will be song for each song)

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

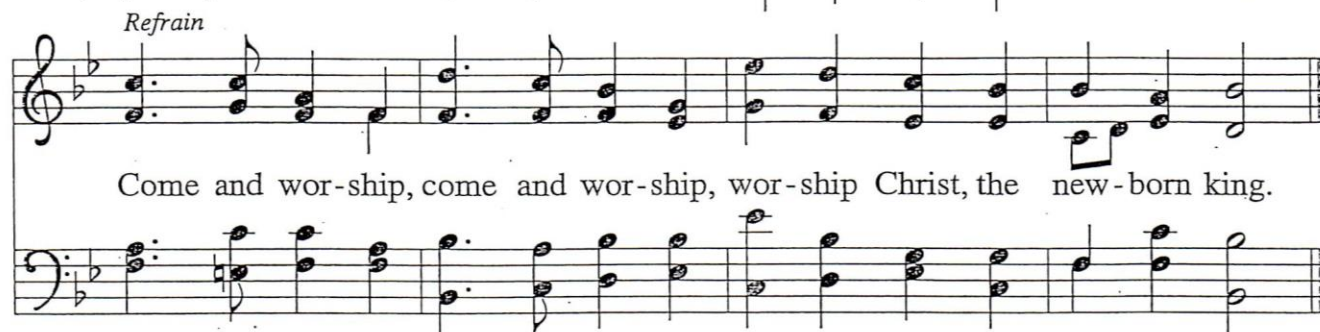


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



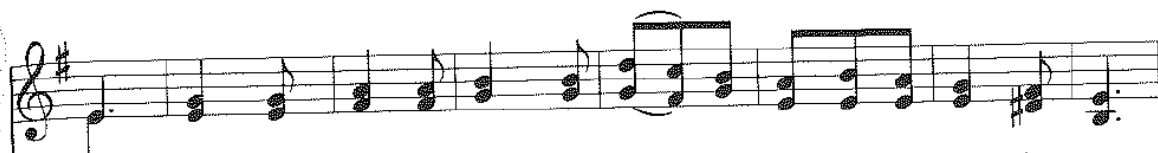
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

# We Three Kings of Orient Are

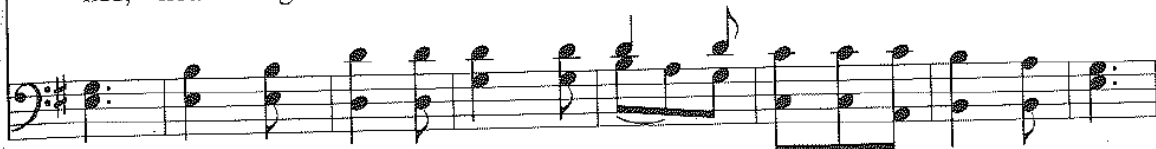
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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -



far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
nigh; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



## Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.  
Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT  
8 8 4 4 6 and refrain





1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noëlés composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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### Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

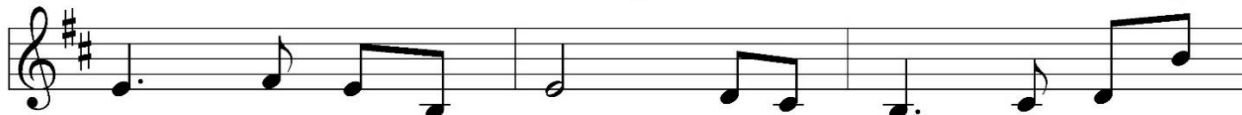
**Offertory** (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

**Offertory Song – All Is Ready Now**

**No. 4**



1 Qui - et - ly in - to the sta - ble where the  
2 'Cross the thresh - old of cre - a - tion, Je - sus  
3 Now en - throned as king of heav - en, blaz - ing



Sav - ior sleep - ing lies, we can go, for all are  
comes to dwell with us, as he was in the be -  
glo - ry like the sun: in his hands are pow'r and



wel - come: shep - herd, an - gel, poor, and  
gin - ning, ev - er - more God's gift of  
jus - tice, on his lips are peace and



wise. What we have we bring and of - fer, earth - ly  
love. Now he calls us to the ta - ble, gift of  
love. As our gifts are turned to ash - es, fall - ing



gifts for Child di - vine, giv - ing that which we were  
love to bleed and die; man - ger here be - comes an  
down in awe we bow, emp - ty - hand - ed, we a -



giv - en, fruits of har - vest, bread and wine.  
al - tar, sta - ble Lamb is sac - ri - ficed.  
dore him. "Come, for all is read - y now."

Text: Jay Beech

Music: ALL IS READY NOW, Jay Beech

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## **Prayer:**

*The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 was descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and 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.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness  
and bears the wounds of the world.  
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

## Silent Prayer

### Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering (*especially*). Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**



Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The 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.**

### ***Sending***

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
‡ bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Joy to the World**

**No. 267**

## Joy to the World

267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Dismissal.

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| Pastor:  | Pastor Jen Herrmann       |
| Lectors: | None needed               |
| Usher:   | Fred Wobser & Kent Miller |
| Acolyte: | Carlie Wiedenheft         |

At 10:30...

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| Pastor:  | Pastor Jen Herrmann        |
| Lectors: | None needed                |
| Usher:   | Bob Troike & Denny Sessler |
| Acolyte: | Eli Connor                 |

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| December Altar Care: | Ann Strean & Sally Warner |
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the hurricanes, war in Israel and Ukraine; for all effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide;

FAITH members, including, Judy Welser;

The staff and students of Trinity Lutheran Seminary;

The staff and those served by the Volunteers of America Crossroads Shelter.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in celebration of Jim's birthday on December 14.

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

## **ATTENDANCE**

December 1: 48 + 33 = 81

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

December 1:

General Fund - \$3277.00

Building Improvements - \$270.00

## **This Week at Trinity**

|           |  |                               |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|
| TODAY     | Service of Word & Prayer<br>Children's Christmas Program during Worship<br>Jam Session | 8:00 am & 10:30 am<br>9:30 am |
| MONDAY    | Dartball<br>V1 @ Huron      Bellevue @ V2  | 7:30 pm                       |
| WEDNESDAY | Women's NA Group<br>"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)                                  | 9:00 am<br>7:00 pm            |
| SATURDAY  | Fellowship Hall Reserved<br>"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)                          | 11:00 am                      |
| SUNDAY    | Communion Service<br>Sunday School   | 8:00 am & 10:30 am<br>9:15 am |



**OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE** is back again this year. This is our annual wider church mission support event and is now out for you to purchase items from.

This is how this works:

Pick an ornament from the tree which you would like to support.  
Take it and an envelope with you, fill out the information needed on the envelope.

Place the money in the envelope.

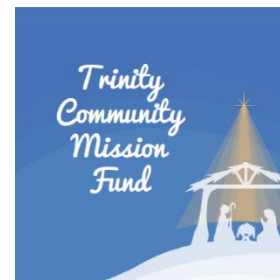
Bring it back next week with you or mail it to the church office.

You get to keep the ornament or give it to the person you have honored or a family member of someone you have memorialized.

All memorials or honoraria will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



**OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING BOXES** are being replaced with ThankOffering Envelopes. Sorry but our donation counters are asking for no change this year. Please pick up an envelope and place your donation inside and return it any time between now and Christmas Eve. Your donations go towards the Community Mission Fund.



**AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR SEATS AND FEETS** (underwear and socks) or gloves/mittens or scarfs for Care and Share and Crossroads Homeless Shelter.

**STARTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1** the Sunday School Kids will be selling the Christmas decorations they made from the candle jars you donated to them for this project. Stop out each Sunday in the upstairs gathering area, and for a donation, pick up a gift or two. These will make nice teacher gifts, bus drivers, hair stylist, or mailman gifts.



**THEN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15,** we ask that you wear your favorite **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER, TOP, TIE, or OUTFIT** to church! It's so good to see who thinks what is ugly, and who thinks what is cute! So, join in the fun and go grab you some ugly Christmas, holiday wear!!



**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ON THE DECEMBER 22 AND THE 29** we will be collecting boxes of cereal to give to Grace's Table at Grace Lutheran Church as part of the idea of the 3 Kings bringing gifts to the baby Jesus and the Sunday school New Year celebration. Last year we collected 74 boxes, set them up in the hallway, and at the strike of "3" the boxes were knocked down in a domino effect. When the last box hit the "2024" sign, all the children shouted **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and blew horns to celebrate. Hopefully this year we'll have just as much fun bringing in 2025! All cereal boxes can be placed on the table in the Gathering place across from the church office starting Sunday, December 22.





**HELPING HANDS TREE** will be back again this year. This Advent season we are asking you to help 2 different families have a great Christmas day. Starting December 1, our Helping Hands Tree will be up with suggested items on it that these families are in need of or would like for Christmas. All you need to do is simply take as many Helping Hands item suggestions from the tree, purchase the items, wrap them if you want, and return them to the church by **SUNDAY DECEMBER 15**. And as in the past, **PLEASE** make sure you place the item tag on your gift so we know which family the gifts go to. If you have any questions, feel free to see Sally Warner.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!** Once again this year we have been asked to place wreaths on the graves at Venice cemetery for those who have served in the armed forces. On Saturday, December 14, there will be a short service at the Castalia cemetery, starting at noon. Following the service, we will go out to Venice Cemetery to place the 60 plus wreaths on the graves. Last year we had a great crew, but the more, the merrier, and the lighter the work. So please consider helping us with this project to pay honor to those who served our country, and have died, and are buried in the Venice cemetery. If you wish to not attend the service at the Castalia cemetery, join us at Venice cemetery at 12:30 to help with the placing of the wreaths.



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** at 930 Main Street, Huron is offering a free concert from area churches “Celebrating the Birth of Jesus” on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm.

**MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** at Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (or until gone). The menu includes baked ham & scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetable, applesauce, and dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery. See the bulletin board for more information.

**FIRELANDS CHORUS INC.**, will be presenting their annual Christmas program, “Christmas Carols & Candlelight.” Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Zion Lutheran Church, 503 Columbus Ave., Sandusky. Doors open at 7:00 pm the program begins at 7:30 pm. Concerts are free with a freewill offering being collected.