# Third Sunday of Advent December 14 & 15, 2014



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

# **Our Worship Service**

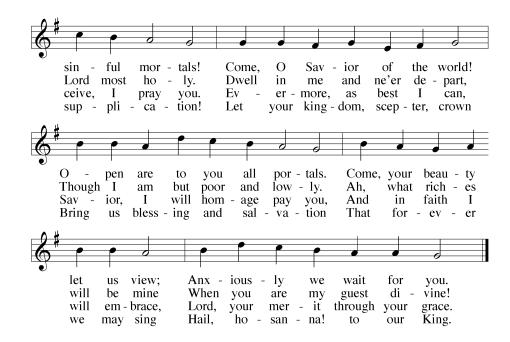
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# WELCOME

You can tell a lot about a person by the company he keeps. That's what the Jewish leaders thought when they commented about Jesus: "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." (Luke 19:7) Yet, that is the exact reason why Jesus came into this world. He came to be among sinners, in order to keep the law perfectly for us and for this world. That was also the message that Jesus wanted to bring to Zacchaeus. If Jesus wanted to avoid any contact with sinners, he would have had to remain in heaven. Zacchaeus was a "chief tax collector." He was at the top of his game. Yet, he had nothing without the treasure of Jesus. Jesus went to his house that evening to tell us all that he comes to those who are caught in sin.

THE OPENING HYMN		,	ious Ransom, Come" Christian Worship #8
2 En - ter now my	Ran - som, come, wait - ing heart,	Glo - rious King	
	and my palms Da - vid's Son!	Gra - cious - ly Help, Lord; hear	re - our

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Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

### Please Stand

# THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

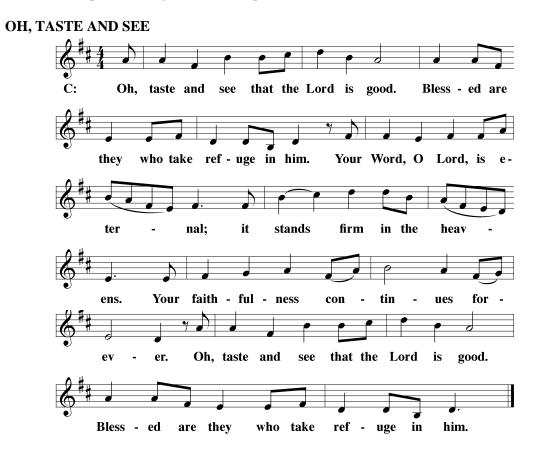
# THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

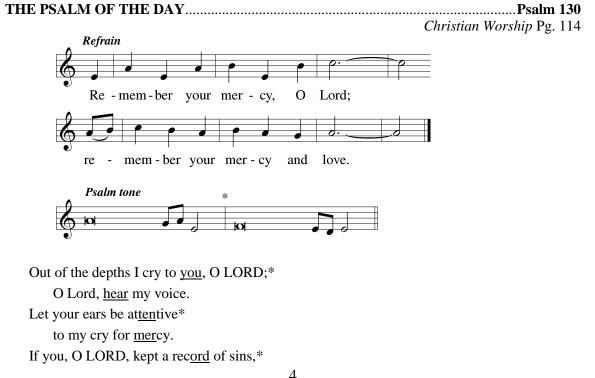


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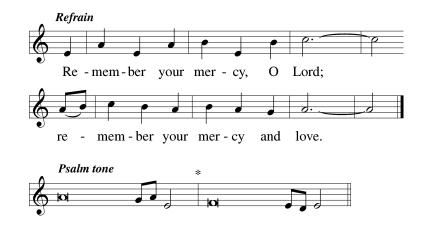
#### THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 61:1-3, 10.11

The Messiah will come and bring freedom to all who are being held captive to sin. These words are fulfilled in Jesus.

<sup>61:1</sup>The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. <sup>10</sup>I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.



O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness;\* therefore you are feared.



I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.\*

My soul waits for the Lord more than

watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,\*

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Refrain

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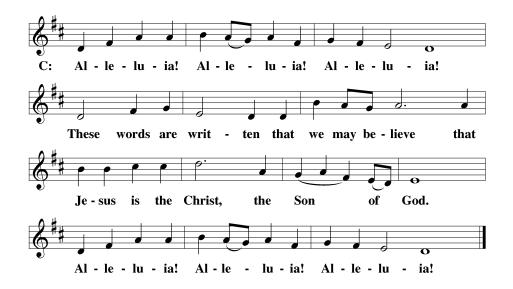
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The Apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ, we have been set free from sin. It is this freedom that the coming Messiah will bring.

<sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10 cf. NIV)



Sung by Grades 6-8, accompanied by Lyle Timm and Joey Cummings (10:30)

The King shall come, that was God's Word promised of old, to all who heard The stump of Jesse a righteous branch will grow Who will bring peace from the Father to His children here below. The King shall come, our Savior dear the time fulfilled, Jesus is here! True God from all eternity is born God in the flesh now has come into the world on Christmas morn.

The King shall come, let all awake prepare your hearts, your lamps now take, For like a bridegroom your Master soon draws near To welcome home to the wedding feast the bride He loves so dear.

#### Please Stand

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON .....Luke 19:1-10

You can tell a lot about a person by the company he keeps. That's what the Jewish leaders thought when they commented about Jesus: "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." (Luke 19:7) Yet, that is the exact reason why Jesus came into this world. He came to be among sinners, in order to keep the law perfectly for us and for this world. That was also the message that Jesus wanted to bring to Zacchaeus.

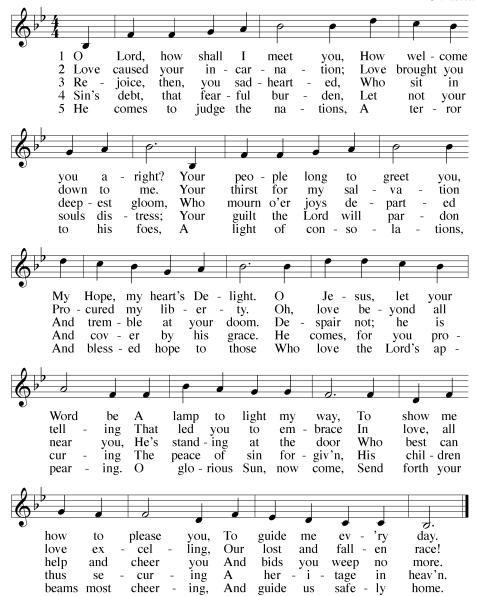
<sup>19:1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner." <sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."



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THE HYMN OF THE DAY ...... "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Christian Worship #19



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. composite. Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt. He Comes to Those Caught in Sin

Please Stand

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

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#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

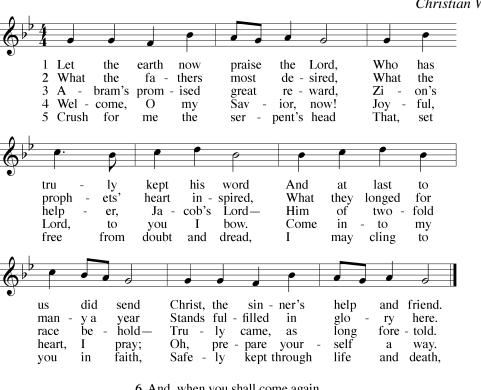
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#### THE PRAYERS

#### **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.

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6 And, when you shall come again As a glorious king to reign, I with joy may see your face, Freely ransomed by your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620-59, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524.

#### Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



CONGREGATION HYMN ......""Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Christian Worship #28

# THE BENEDICTION

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

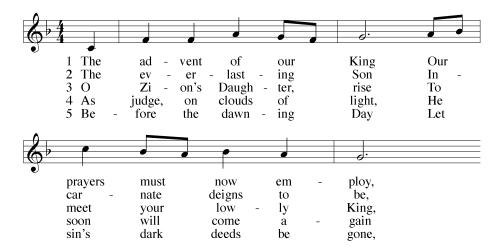
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

# **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen
Singers (Accompanied by Lyle Timm and Joey Cummings)	Grades 6-8 (10:30)

# Announcements

- **EARLY CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER:** St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 414-421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis. Enrollment opens to the community after February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: We would like to thank everyone who baked and purchased the cookies for the Mary Martha Christmas Cookie Sale last weekend. This year's

sale was the biggest sale ever. Your support helps Mary Martha Society to carry out their work here at St. Paul's and their support of Missions in our Synod. If you would like your containers back, they are located on a table in the bible class rooms.

- **SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES FREE-WILL OFFERING:** We also thank all who gave to the free-will offering last weekend for Southside Ministries. \$739 was collected and given to them. They were amazed and very thankful for the generosity of support that was given to them through this special offering. Thank you!
- **NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** This Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be walking into the neighborhoods around church singing Christmas carols. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you would like to go, please meet in the school hallway by 6pm. Everyone is invited to the parsonage for chili following caroling. It would be great if a snack or cookies could be brought to the parsonage to be shared by all.
- **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS:** The PSCIC will only meet for 1 hour this Tuesday, December 16, from 6-7pm.
- **MARY MARTHA CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Mary Martha Christmas Party will begin this Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- **VOTERS MEETING:** This past Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Church Council set a Voters Meeting for Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Reports will be given about the work of the different boards here at St. Paul's. Another item of business will be for the Voters Assembly to act upon the recommendation of the Church Council to call a second pastor here at St. Paul's.
- **LIVING NATIVITY:** Next weekend will be our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Living Nativity. There will be live performances at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30pm with actors and animals in an outdoor stable on Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21. Free parking, refreshments and craft activities for children will be available. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us. If there is anyone who would like to help lead a couple of familiar Christmas Carols as part of the presentation, please talk to Pastor Adams.
- **ST. PAUL'S BASKETBALL:** If you are looking for some weeknight fun, come cheer on your St. Paul's Hornets Basketball teams. This Tuesday evening, St. Paul's will take on St. Marcus in what is sure to be an exciting night of basketball. Games begin at 4:00 pm and end with the A Team game, at 7:00 pm. Thursday the Hornets will welcome Trinity Racine for another evening of exciting basketball. Games begin at 5:00 pm. Go Hornets!!
- **CURRENT SERMON SERIES:** Our current series concentrates our attention on the coming of Christ to meet the needs of individuals. Waiting and anticipating something is both

exciting and scary at the same time. We look forward to some happy event. We also dread things that make us uncomfortable. Yet, we can join with the hymn writer in saying: "*Hark the Glad Song, the Savior Comes.*"

Advent 1: November 30/December 1 – He Comes to Those Who Were Waiting for Him (Mark 1:1-8)

- Advent 2: December 7 & 8 He Comes to Those in Darkness (John 3:1-21)
- Advent 3: December 14 & 15 He Comes to Those Caught in Sin (Luke 19:1-10)
- Advent 4: December 21 & 22 He Comes to Those who Believe (Matthew 1:18-25)

# **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** In December, there will be many different opportunities to worship our coming Savior. The schedule is below:

December 14 – Advent 3 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 15 – Advent 3 (6:30pm) December 21 – Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 22 – Advent 4 (6:30pm) December 23 – Children's Christmas Service (6:30pm) December 24 – Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm) December 24 – Candlelight Service (10:00pm) December 25 – Christmas Day Worship (10:00am) December 28 – Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 29 - No Monday Worship December 31 – New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Caroling (6pm) December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Living Nativity (6pm)

**MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Registration for Men of His Word 2015 "A Shelter from the Storm" is now open. The Conference is January 31, 2015 in Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to gather with hundreds of your fellow Christian men for a day of inspiration. The 20 different sessions will both encourage and challenge you in your walk of faith. For more information and registration go to: www.menofhisword.org.

# **LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:** Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

# Volunteers

#### **GREETERS THIS WEEK 12/14 & 12/15):**

8:00 AM -	Allyn & Patsy Curler
10:30 AM-	Jean Villwock
6:30 PM -	Donna LaBlanc

#### **GREETERS NEXT WEEK** (12/21 & 12/22)

8:00 AM-	Corrine Mayer		
10:30 AM-	Steve & Irva Baade		
6:30 PM-	Dave & Janet Long		

### **CLEANING CREWS:**

**December 16-Crew #3-***Mark & Rosie Derouin;* Ken & Carrie Dahm, Josh Derouin, Nick & Sarah Derouin, Matt & Kelly Evans Family, Sheridan Gillis, Jon & Kebi Koeller Family, Doreen Kresa, Michael & Nicole Vullings **December 23-Crew#4-***Michael & Debra Destrampe Family;* David & Christina Destrampe, Gary & Donna Boldt Family, Dan & June Curtice, Dana Gilboy, Joe & Kay Gregorich, Justin & Michelle Hoffmann, Karen Nguyen Family, Jim Villwock

### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

8: 00 AM TEAM #1-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser 10:30 AM TEAM # 8-Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, DanielDestrampe, Paul Larsen 6:30 PM TEAM # 9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### USHERS FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES:

MIDWEEK ADVENT-DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM-TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 6:30 PM TEAM #5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4:30 PM- TEAM#7-**Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz

CHRISMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 10: 00 PM TEAM #8-Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:00 AM TEAM #3-Donn Johnson, Todd Johnson, John Migacz, Frank Krajewski

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE 6:30 PM TEAM #1-**Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

### **ALTAR GUILD:**

December 10-23-Team #4 Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek December 24-January 6 Team #1-Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

# The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 14	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
Christmas Caroling	6:00 PM
Monday, December 15	
Worship Service	6:30 PM
Tuesday, December 16	
Mary Martha	6:30 PM
PSCIC	
Wednesday, December 17	
Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday, December 18	
Adult Hand bells	6:30 PM
Friday, December 19	
School Devotion	8:30 AM
Preschool Power Hour	
Saturday, December 20	
Living Nativity	6:00 PM
Sunday, December 21	
Worship Service	8·00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School	
Worship Service	
Living Nativity	

# **Statistics - Last Week**

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –133 Communed 112; 10:30 AM –165, Communed 99; 6:30 PM –39, Communed 32; Total Attendance – 337; Total Communed 243; Bible Study N/A; Sunday School 10