

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 10:00 AM

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# THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN

How Bright Apoears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

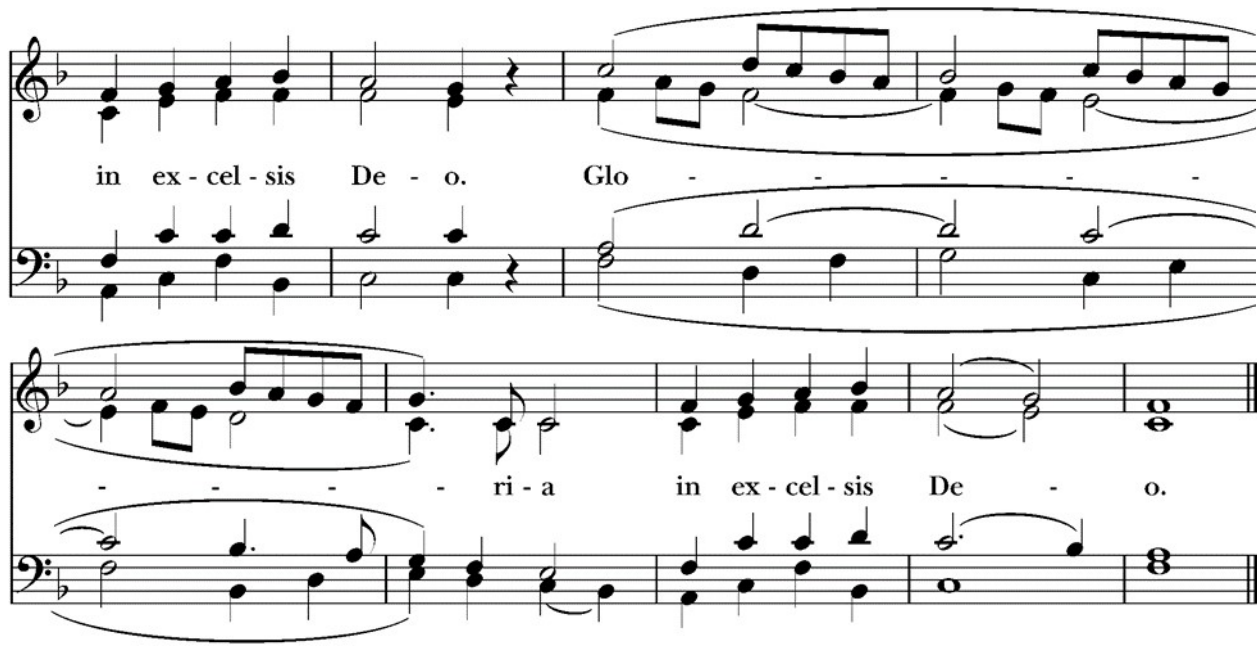
*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GLORIA

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*The people sit.*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
 my whole being shall exult in my God;  
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
 so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
 to spring up before all the nations.  
 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
 and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 147: 13-21

*Laudate Dominum*

- <sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
    praise your God, O Zion;  
<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
    he has blessed your children within you.  
<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
    he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
    and his word runs very swiftly.  
<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
    he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
    who can stand against his cold?  
<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
    he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
    his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
    to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

*Reader*     A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.



1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
 2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE NICENE CREED

*Said in unison.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel or deep bow. Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*1 Chronicles 29:11*


### OFFERTORY HYMN

From the Dawning of Creation

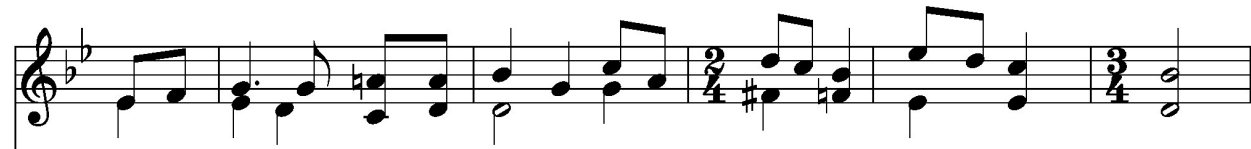
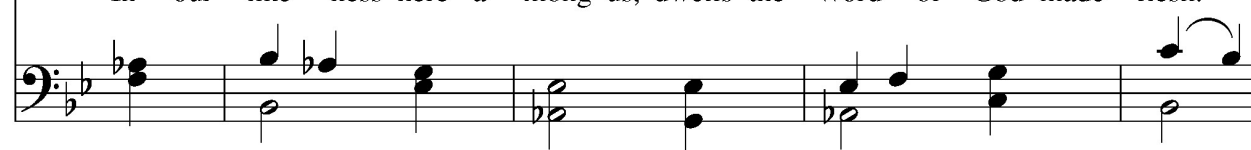
*Timeless Love*




1. From the dawn - ing of cre - a - tion, God was pres - ent in the Word.  
2. Light ap - peared in deep - est dark - ness. Night was end - ed, morn - ing dawned.  
3. Hu - man eyes have seen God's glo - ry; hu - man hands have touched God's own.



And the Word was God e - ter - nal, source of all that came to be.  
And that light is ev - er burn - ing, bright - ness nev - er o - ver - come.  
In our like - ness here a - mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.



Je - sus is that Word e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.  
Je - sus is that Light e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.  
Je - sus is that Word in - car - nate. Je - sus is the Word of life.



## SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### *Celebrant and People*

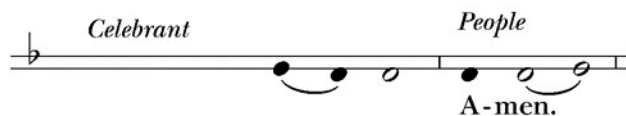
We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

### *The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

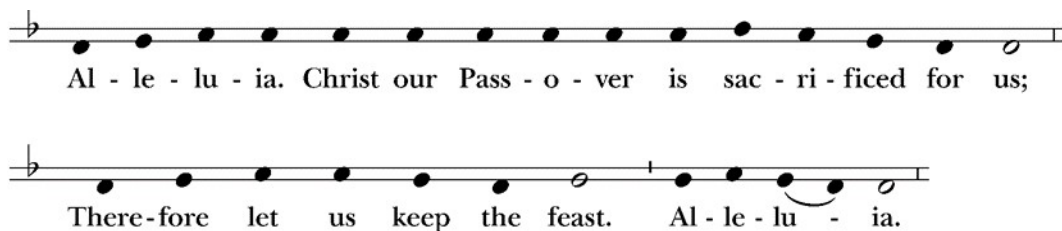
### *People and Celebrant*

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread is given to communicants with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Come, Risen Lord, And Deign to Be Our Guest

*Sursum Corda*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;  
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;  
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The First Nowell (V. 1,2,4,6)

*Antioch*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*  
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

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*Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.*

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday, December 27–Friday, December 31**

8:00 AM—Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Monday, December 27: 3-5:30 PM

Thursday, December 30: 3-5:30 PM

### **PRAYERS**

**Parishioner Cycle of prayer:** Davis Family: Mother Mindy, Kevin, Spencer, Logan and Izzie

**Ministry Rotation of Prayer:** Music Scholars Ministry

**Happy Birthday:** Connie Day and Logan Davis

**Happy Anniversary:** Milo and Joan Jones

**For those who are sick:** Kitty, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary, Vickie, Christine, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve

### **Episcopal Relief and Development Tornado Relief Efforts**

Last week I sent out an email from the Diocese regarding the aid the Episcopal Relief and Development is bringing to the victims of the recent Tornado's in the Midwest. One of our parishioners would like to encourage people from St. Peter's to contribute to this effort and will add \$10 to every individual contribution given to the ERD that is directed to the Tornado Relief. If you would like to give, you can write a check to St. Peter's designating any amount you would like to go to ERD Tornado Relief. We will then write one check to ERD and include the matched amount in our total. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office! Thanks—Barb

### **THANK YOU!**

A big Thank You goes out to everyone who stayed after Church on Sunday and helped with the cleaning jobs that have made our worship space ready for our Christmas services. We are so appreciative of the time and effort you put into this.

Izzie

Eda

Bob

Jessie

Angie

Breck

Brigid

Brian

Jane

Sue

Terrie

Mother Mindy

Ginny

Janet

**The Church office will be closed Monday-Tuesday December 27,28.**