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Miller's
Lutheran
Church
NALC

SUNDAY, December 20, 2020

10:15 am Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Setting Two

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Brief Order for Confession & ForgivenessLBW Page 77
- * ENTRANCE HYMN..... *Savior of the Nations* LBW No. 28
- * SALUTATION AND KYRIELBW Page 78
- * PRAYER OF THE DAY insert

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- † First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
- † The PsalmPsalm 89:1-5(19-29)
- † Second Lesson Romans 16:25-27
- * THE VERSE*Alleluia* LBW Page 83
- * THE GOSPEL LESSON
- * The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st Chapter.

* **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

- † Gospel Lesson Luke 1:26-38
- * P: The Gospel of the Lord.

* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE SERMON

(Silence for reflection)

- * HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Of the Father's Love*LBW No. 42
- * APOSTLES' CREEDLBW Page 85
- * THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCHLBW Page 85
- * A: Lord in your mercy.
- * **C: Hear our prayer**
- * LORD'S PRAYERLBW Page 91
- * The BENEDICTIONLBW Page 76
- * CLOSING HYMN..... *Hark, the Glad Sound!*.....LBW No. 35
- * Dismissal

A. Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

* Denotes congregation standing as able

† Scripture readings are from the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible. Order of Worship is found in the green Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW); page numbers refer to pages in the front of the hymnal, bottom of page. Hymns are found in the LBW or the blue With One Voice (WOV) hymnal, annotated at top of page in bold type.

Reminder – please **sign the attendance sheet** located at the end of each pew. To help give us an accurate count, tear sheet out and place on top of binder. Thanks.

Ushers - Please BE SURE TO LOCK all external doors before you leave after the services. All members please remember to check to make sure exit doors are locked if you are the last one leaving a meeting or event.

Children's Christmas Program from last year will be available on line today, December 20th. Look for St. Stephens Lutheran Church, ELCA on You Tube.

REMINDER—NOISY OFFERING is next Sunday, December 27th. Remember to save up your spare change and fill your pockets! We appreciate everyone's contributions.



The 2020 Miller's Lutheran Women Christmas card, "**God's LOVE to You**" is located in the Narthex. Please sign the card and give generously to the benevolence projects. Those wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are:

Bob & Sandy Krogman

Gary & Beth Hefner

Carolyn Killian

Kay & Elizabeth Willis

Pr. Todd, Wendy, Ross & John Cook



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Church Office hours:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mon - Fri
Pastor's Office hours:	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	M, W, Th,
	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Tue

THIS WEEK AT MILLER'S
M, W, Th, F, Sat. @ 11:00AM Matins
Tuesday @ 7:00PM Vespers
Today 5:00 PM Advent Service
Thursday @ 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
Church Office will be **CLOSED** Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

SERVING THIS MONTH (DECEMBER)	
Altar Guild	Neil & Diane Sigmon
Sound Tech	Lori Wilcox
Usher Chair	Alvin Murphy
Usher Security	Alan Burgess & Ross Cook

SERVING TODAY	
Worship Assistant	Gary Hefner
Acolyte	John Cook

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 13, 2020	
Worship	43

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2020	
Total Deposit	\$2375.47
General Funds	\$2000.47
Other Funds	\$100.00
<i>Weekly needs to meet budgeted expenses</i>	\$3,995.00
Heating & Air Fund Contributions (Needed to Complete Parish Hall)	\$275.00 \$142,401.00

Please submit all information for the Miller's Mike on/before December 23rd. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

Practically all the information about "Thomas called Didymus" is found in the Fourth Gospel. "Thomas" seems not to be a personal name but rather an epithet meaning "twin"; Didymus is the Greek and Teoma (Thomas) is the Aramaic for "twin." There is a tradition that he was the twin of Jesus, at least in appearance. He is portrayed as something of a plodding literalist who is nonetheless an earnest searcher for truth. After Jesus' resurrection Thomas doubted and sought convincing proof that Jesus was in fact alive. His confession of faith went beyond what he saw with his eyes and what he touched with his hands to a statement of the belief of Johannine Christians; "My Lord and my God."

Eastern churches have commemorated Thomas since the sixth century and the Roman observance dates from the ninth century. The date of his commemoration in the East is October 6. The Roman Catholic Church has moved the festival of St. Thomas out of Advent to July 3, the date of his commemoration in the Syrian Church. The new Episcopal calendar keeps the commemoration on the traditional Western date, December 21.

In art, St. Thomas is usually shown holding a carpenter's square and rule.

Pfatteicher, Philip H. *Festivals and Commemorations*. (Minneapolis: 1980 Augsburg Publishing House) pg. 460.

Remember to Pray For Our Members Away From Home

Frances Stone	Room 906 Trinity Village, 1265 21 st St. NE Hickory, NC 28601
Karen Teed	P O Box 208 Taylorsville, NC 28681

Remember to Pray For Our Friends and Neighbors

Faith Tucker	Friend of Mandi Sigmon
Jackson Frunzi	Friend of Ann Sigmon
Bennett Frunzi	Friend of Ann Sigmon
Brad Cook	Todd Cook's brother
Doris Dameron	Gloria Moore's sister
Tammy Yancy	Gloria Moore's niece
Roger Moore	John Moore's brother
Patrick DeMauro	Bob & Susan Pihl's Son-in-Law
Lisa Hawn	Carolyn Killian's Daughter-in-Law
Todd Propst	Jane Isenhour & Ann Sigmon's Cousin
Daxtin Hughes	Friend of Jan Miller
Robert Burgess	Alan Burgess' Father
Todd Punch	Sarah Punch's son
Rex Phillips	Gloria Moore's Aunt
Jerry Barger	Friend of Ann Ward
Joe Christopher	Sue Hillier's Brother in Law
Donna Dedder	Jane Isenhour's tenant
Gray Livingstone	Son of Wendy Cook's friend
Lynn Moore	Friend of Wendy Crump
Leah Romine	Lori Wilcox's Mother-in-Law
Jerry Craig	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones
Sandra & Dennis Bollinger	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones
Anne & Bill Baker	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones

Remember to Pray For Our Members (At Home)

Bonnie Bell, Carol Berry, Paul Bolick, Leola Bowman,
Stewart Bumgarner, Lynn Craig, Wayne Craig, Bob Hillier,
Ken Hollar, Tim Hollar, Nancy Holmes, Dot Killian, Doris Mosteller,
LaRue Murphy, Dolores Propst, Dale Sigmon, Neil Sigmon,
Wayne Sipe and Greyson Stephens

Remember to Pray For Our Members Of The Military

SP4 Colby Brotherton (ARMY), SSG Brandon Davis (ARMY),
SGT Jordon Tooman (USMC), Amn Owen Tooman (USAF),
SP4 Evan Short (ARMY)

Upon request, names are added to the prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise indicated or updated.



Our church office will be **closed** on Thursday and Friday,
December 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday. We wish all
of our church family a safe and Merry Christmas!



Church Council has decided to cancel all Sunday School classes
and Bible Studies until January 8th.

Miller’s Lutheran Online Store– we now have an online store
for apparel and accessories. Check out the website below.
Purchases can be mailed directly to you, picked up at the store
or the church. Great way to show off our church!

www.millerslutheranapparel.itemorder.com

Community Food Pantry

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, ELCA food pantry is in need of
the following items– Cereal, instant oatmeal, instant grits,
baked beans, pork and beans, corn, black beans, northern
beans, can tomatoes, pinto beans, kidney beans, green
beans, applesauce, fruit cocktail, peached, pears, pineapple,
mandarin oranges, white rice, macaroni and cheese,
spaghetti and sauce, dry black beans, dry pinto beans,
canned chicken/tuna, Vienna sausages, beef stew, grape
jelly, peanut butter, saltine crackers, soups and tortilla.



We offer these prayers to help you center yourself in God's holy presence before, during, and after worship today. Use these prayers to prepare for the worship service, to prepare to hear the Scriptures and the message, and to reflect on the liturgy following the service. These and other prayers may be found in the green LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship) pages 42-51.

Prayer before worship

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace to receive the Word

Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer after worship

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.