



**Northeast Kansas  
Lutheran Church Partnership  
\*LCMS\***



**DECEMBER, 2021**

***From the Pen of the Pastor***

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel -

LSB #357 st. 1

There is something special about the Season of Advent. Imagine, if you will, that you are a faithful Jew living 2,000 years ago and that for thousands of years your people have been praying to God for deliverance. Then one day, His prophets told you that He was sending a Messiah, the Christ, to come to save you. You believe His promise and so you wait...and you wait...and you wait... for that day to come. As you wait, you pray...and you pray...and you pray... for that day to come.

During your wait, you wondered if God had forgotten about you, or if perhaps He had changed His mind. But then all of a sudden, an angel appears to a young virgin, a star leads wise men to a remote place, shepherds see more angels than they can count, and there - in a lowly stable - lies a little baby, the object of the prayers prayed for hundreds and hundreds of years and the fulfillment of the promise He made to send His people a Savior.

Yes, Dear members of this Lutheran Partnership of Congregations, the season of Advent is very special. It is a season of both longing and belonging. – longing for the Lord’s coming and belonging to the group He promises to come for. It is a time when our prayers focus upon not only that First coming of Jesus, when He came to call believers and to suffer and die for them; but, also on His Second coming, when He comes to gather those whom He died for to Himself. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time - to come once again in order to culminate His salvific plan and take us home.

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Sometimes we may feel like saying to God, and maybe even do say, “How long do we have to wait? Where is our deliverance?” In that sense, we really aren’t too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. But yet, there is one huge difference between them and us. And that is, my friends, that we have been more blessed than the Jews of thousands of years ago, for we have received much more than God’s promise...we have seen the promise fulfilled, in our Lord Jesus Christ. So, do we still have to wait? Yes, we do. Do we still have to wrestle with living in this fallen world? Yes, we do. Do we still have to call out to God in our tears and anguish? Yes, that too has not changed, and will not change in our life here on earth. But dear friends, what has changed is this –

you and I have the honor and privilege of actually getting to hold our Deliverer in our hands, each and every time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and to be reassured in doing so that our deliverance has come. We get to hear Him speak His words of comfort and hope and joy and peace. We have Jesus!

For us, Advent is still a time to long for Jesus...to long for Him to return again to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God’s promise to you and to me. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, you and I will see it with more than our eyes of faith...you and I will physically and visually witness His return. But until that day, our mouths must say what our hearts continue to pray, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

Have a Blessed Advent and a Wonderful Christmas  
Pastor Mike

### **JOINT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE**



*The Partnership will have a Joint Service on Sunday, December 5th. This will be held at First Lutheran in Sabetha. There will be donuts & coffee starting at 8:30am, followed by a Bible Study at 9:00am.*

*The Church Service will begin at 10:00am and the guest speaker will be Mr. Gary Theis, director of Mission Central. After the morning service we will have a Partnership Potluck.*



*What a wonderful way to spend your Sunday morning!*

### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING ADVENT**

*The LYF will be serving a meal before the Advent services, starting at 6:00pm. This will be at the location of the service that evening.*

*The Joint Advent Services will start at 7:00pm.*

*Pastor Kinney will have a short Bible Study after the Advent Service, starting at approx. 7:45pm.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey Blum, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Gerrienne & Don Heim, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice, Emma Middendorf; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Lawrence Thonen, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux.

**Also in our prayers:** (F) Darrell Schuette, Morgan Schuette, Mardell Duvel, Evelyn Goodman, Marcia Spellmeier, Fred Feek, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Sara Clements, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon, Megan McConnauey; (IMM) Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Chris Torrey, Vauncille Barrett, Doug Barrett; (Z) Tom Hansen, Derrick VanDusen, Debbie & Andy Trent, Sherry Hartley.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*Dec 1-Mark Tanking, Dec 1-Charlotte Kruse, Dec 2-Chase Deckinger, Dec 3-Scott Gigstad,  
Dec 6-Donna Thonen, Dec 6-Jackson Manche, Dec 7-Diane Davis, Dec 8-Corey Dunaway,  
Dec 8-Kenny Stephens, Dec 9-Curt Deckinger, Dec 10-Memphis Cochran, Dec 10-Allan Spellmeier,  
Dec 11-Ryan Schuette, Dec 12-Jennifer Lowe, Dec 13-Jeff Tanking, Dec 14-Bud Bauman,  
Dec 14-Madisen Cochran, Dec 14-Leah Deckinger, Dec 16-Patty Remmers, Dec 16-Cale Heiniger,  
Dec 18-Helen Bauerle, Dec 20-John Feek, Dec 20-Whitney Lehwald, Dec 24-Christa Schuette,  
Dec 25-Tanner Smith, Dec 25-Nancy Brockhoff, Dec 27-Daniel Kruse, Dec 28-David Middendorf,  
Dec 28-Emery Bulk, Dec 30-Anne Arnesen, Dec 31-Hannah Kinney*

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

*Dec 3-Larry & Carol Walter, Dec 4-Janis & Ken Krug, Dec 10-Don & Lois Voss,  
Dec 12-Richard & Barb Shefferd, Dec 19-Cory & Angie Bass, Dec 28-Matt & Jill Sprick,  
Dec 30-David & Lela Middendorf, Dec 31-Chad & Amanda Hinton, Dec 31-Larry & Lorene Strahm*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**We invite all kids** to come and join us for Sunday School!  
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.  
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.  
**The Zion Adult Bible Class** and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet  
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!

## MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – December 13 @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – December 20th @ 7:00pm

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday nights after the  
Partnership Advent Service*



### Partnership Ladies Bible Study

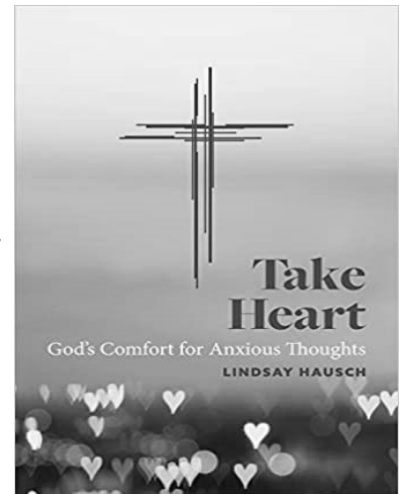
*Ladies Bible Study  
meets on  
Tuesday nights at 6:30pm  
at Zion Lutheran.  
Please join us!*

### NEW BIBLE STUDY

*The Partnership Ladies Bible Study will be starting a new Bible Study soon based on the book, "Take Heart—God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts. Overcoming anxious thoughts is not as simple as having faith enough or praying enough. Instead, that struggle can be a training ground for spiritual growth, for a deeper understanding of God's love for you. So take heart. The Lord is with you in your struggle.*

*He promises, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).*

*Watch for upcoming details in your bulletins!*



### ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month  
unless otherwise posted.

This will be at First Lutheran from 5:30-7:30pm.



### PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

*If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,  
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.*

*You can e-mail the office at  
office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-740-0268.  
The office would also like the names and addresses  
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*

## **SERVERS FOR DECEMBER**

### **FIRST LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Dec 5th:** **Elders**—Shane Schuette & Dwight Edelman, **Acolytes**—Naomi Pearson & Lily Pearson, **Ushers**—Paige Strahm & Bud Bauman, **Greeters**—Bob & Kathy Steiner, **Counters**—Ken & Joyce Meyer

**Dec 12th:** **Elders**—Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, **Acolytes**—Tinner Bachelor & Hadden Bachelor, **Ushers**—David Bauman & Darrell Schuette, **Greeters**—Jason Steiner Family, **Counters**—Vicki Edelman & Steve Aeschliman

**Dec 19th:** **Elders**—Steve Huneke & Scott Schremmer, **Acolytes**—Millie Stoller & Paycen Schremmer, **Ushers**—Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, **Greeters**—David & Julie Bauman, **Counters**—Heather Lehwald & Darrell Schuette

**Dec 26th:** **Elders**—Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, **Acolytes**—Tyson Detweiler & Chloe Detweiler, **Ushers**—Jordan Huneke & Shaun Pearson, **Greeters**—Shaun Pearson Family, **Counters**—Stan & Patty Remmers

**Altar Guild for December:** Sue Schuette, Tammy Cochran, Heather Lehwald

**Trustees for December:** Ed Hatheway & Shaun Pearson

### **ZION LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Dec 5th:** **Elder**—Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**—Corey Dunaway, **Ushers**—Bob Freese & Larry Walter, **Greeters**—Killman Family, **Lector**—Leon Wissmann, **Sound System**—Leon Wissmann

**Dec 12th:** **Elder**—Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**—Brady Killman, **Ushers**—Leon Wissmann & Chad Hinton, **Greeters**—Killman Family, **Lector**—Jessica Gigstad, **Sound System**—Derrick VanDusen

**Dec 19th:** **Elder**—Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**—Brady Killman, **Ushers**—David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, **Greeter**—Dwight Meyer, **Lector**—David Middendorf, **Sound System**—Bob & Virginia Freese

**Dec 26th:** **Elder**—Dale Strobel, **Acolyte**—Remington Killman, **Ushers**—Richard Clay & Clint Meyer, **Greeter**—Dwight Meyer, **Lector**—Richard Clay, **Sound System**—Dwight Meyer

**Altar Guild for December:** Virginia Freese, Lela Middendorf

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Dec 5th:** **Greeters**— David & Danny Bauerle

**Dec 12th:** **Greeters**— Mark & Becky Meyer

**Dec 19th:** **Greeters**— Bill Rand & Carolyn Schneider

**Dec 26th:** **Greeters**— Dennis & Kim Kleopfer

**Altar Committee for December:** Leslie Brockhoff, Kathy Heiniger, Wes Duesing



## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS



**AHG** would like to thank the partnership for their coffee orders, donations for shoeboxes, & prayers! The girls are looking forward to fulfilling your coffee orders in December, and the shoeboxes are on their way to brightening a needy child's life. The troop could not accomplish these projects without the generosity of the Partnership. Thank you!

## FIRST LWML

The Bible Study of First Lutheran met at 1:30p.m., November 10,2021 with Vice-President Lorene Strahm calling the meeting to order. Brenda Meyer had the opening devotions "By the Way"

The Bible study was Mission; Compassion with Lorene the leader and all others reading the Bible verses. Christ chose 12 men, from all walks of life that he called Apostles to help Him to proclaim the Gospel and heal every disease and affliction.

Roll call was answered by 8 members with "What am I most Thankful for. Ruth Swart, secretary, read the minutes from the October meeting. They were approved as read. Kathy Steiner gave the treasurer's report Carole Feek, treasurer, had made copies of the treasurer report for all present. Mites and dues were collected

Our annual Christmas party was discussed. Karen Kohlmeier invited all to her home on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 11:30. Please let Karen know if you are planning to attend by December 5--Thanks!

Brenda gave a report on her and Carole attending the Fall Rally in Atchison. She suggested that our group help with health kits for a project for 2022. Also think how to add to your Mite Box. The Kansas LWML is \$18,000 short. Ruth showed a LWML Challenge Calendar that she had copied from the LWML website.

Carole had copies for all telling of events coming up

Election of officers for 2022 was held. Karen Aeschliman made a motion to retain the same officers, 2nd by Karen Kohlmeier. Motion passed. President-Martha Pearson. Vice-President, Lorene Strahm, secretary, Ruth Swart, treasurer- Carole Feek. Christian Growth-Brenda Meyer

We were very pleased to welcome Tami Rutten. We closed with saying the League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary

## What do the different colored paraments in the church represent ?

Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. For centuries, Christians have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through His Son. Color, just like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshipping people.

Since we are just beginning a new church year, let's look at the parament color for Advent. Blue is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Some churches still follow the older tradition of using purple for Advent and Lent. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. Blue, the color of the sky, helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended to long ago.

## **ZION LWML**

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. President Lela Middendorf called the meeting to order with 6 members and 1 guest present. Opening devotions were based on Matthew 5:9, entitled Bond of Peace relating to “Blessed are the Peacemakers”.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read, and the treasurer's report was given.

A thank you note was read from Traci Rahe thanking us for our support. She is not certain when she will be travelling again.

We had a short discussion on officers for next year. Sharon Lowe moved and Judy Clay seconded that the present officers retain their positions for next year. Motion carried.

We will put together Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins after our next meeting. We are to bring pre-packaged treats for the bags... something Christmasy!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

## **ST. PAUL DORCAS**

The St. Paul Dorcas Society held their November meeting on November 7, 2021 after church. President Nancy Manche had the devotion, “The Lesson of the Candy Corn.” She pointed out the white tip signifies God, the orange color stands for the flames of the Holy Spirit, and the yellow represents the light of Jesus. We read Bible verses of Thanksgiving and we sang the hymn, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart,” written by Henry Smith. Sarah Kleopfer played the piano for us. Nancy also gave the background of the song writer.

Nancy called the business meeting to order. Ten members were present and we are happy to add Sadie Meyer to our Society. The minutes were read and approved as corrected. We had 74 school kits instead of 50. We received newsletters from LWR, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Lead a Child. There was no treasurer’s report. Nancy thanked those who served Pee Wee Bauer’s funeral dinner.

Kathy Heiniger reported on the NE Zone Fall Gathering which was held in Atchison. Pastor Laily from Nortonville gave the Bible study. Charlotte Ziegler gave a presentation on the Orphan Grain Train. Next year denotes 80 years of LWML. It was suggested each society to come up with 80 items to take to the District convention in the spring.

Kathy Heiniger will be providing a light breakfast for the Pastor’s Circuit meeting on Nov. 9, 2021. Kathy also reported on the funeral banner. The Pastors approved and the banner committee will proceed.

In unfinished business, we will keep the same hostesses for next year in our yearbook. We discussed on meeting dates and times. Cindy Manche moved to have our meetings on the first Sunday after church. Kathy seconded and the motion carried.

In new business, Nancy announced decorating the church for Advent on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The altar committee will get Poinsettias. Karen Bauman brought a Christmas tree for donated hats, mittens, and gloves. Our next meeting will be on Dec.5, 2021 at 2pm at Linda and Wes Duesing’s home. We collected the offering for our society and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Manche



***Joint Partnership  
Thanksgiving Eve Service***

***Wednesday evening,  
November 24th***

***at St. Paul Lutheran  
7:00pm.***



***2021***

***HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE***



*JOINT Thanksgiving Eve Service –  
Nov. 24 at St. Paul - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 1 - Wednesday, December 1  
at Zion - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 2 - Wednesday, December 8  
at First - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 3 – December 15  
at Immanuel – 7:00pm*

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*Children's Christmas Program, December 19  
will be held at First at 5:00pm.  
There will be a light supper after.*

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***Christmas Eve Services, December 24***

***St. Paul & Immanuel - 6:00pm  
Zion & First - 8:00pm***

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*Joint Christmas Day service  
will be held at Zion starting at 10:00am*

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*Joint New Year's Eve service  
will be held at First starting at 6:00pm*



## St. Paul Preschool

We have been enjoying learning all about animals that are getting ready to hibernate or migrate. We learned what habitats are and are looking forward to our hibernation party. We had a hedgehog visit also.

Both pastors told us about Moses and David and Goliath.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our wonderful program. We have new and exciting things coming!!





## First Preschool

It's been a fun fall in Preschool. The kids really enjoyed having their dads, grandpas, and uncles eat donuts with them at *Donuts with Dads*. We think our guests liked visiting school too! This has become a special tradition.

We also celebrated Thanksgiving with a little "feast" in each class. Every child contributed a snack to make a Thanksgiving Trail Mix.

We have learned about God's faithfulness studying David and Goliath, Jonah, and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

We are working hard learning songs for our Christmas Program on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be fun to sing for our families.

We would like to thank everyone for preparing and attending our Soup Day! We appreciate everyone's support. We are very thankful and blessed!

Merry Christmas from the Preschool!

Denise Huning  
Keremy Bachelor



## **NATIVITY AND ANGEL DISPLAY**

*The Northeast Kansas Lutheran Church Partnership Outreach Committee  
will be hosting a Nativity and Angel Display  
at the Fairview Community Building on December 9th.*

*This will be from 6:00pm-8:00pm.*

*If anyone would like to display a nativity scene  
or their angel collection,*

*please contact Karen Bauman at 785-336-1678.*

*Everyone is welcome!*



## **CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

*The choir of Zion Lutheran Church, Everest,  
along with several members of the community,  
would like to invite you to the performance  
of the beautiful Christmas Cantata, Candles.  
The cantata will be at 3:00pm on Sunday, December 12th,  
at Zion Lutheran Church, 1521 Prairie Road, Everest.*



## **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES**

December 5th, 5:30-7:30

10 Block Drive—Living Scenes of Christ's Life

1300 Candles Light the Way

Free Will Donation

Junction of Highway 20/K-73 in Horton








## **CONFIRMATION**

During Advent, the Confirmation class will meet on Saturday mornings at 9:30am.  
(December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th)

There will be no class over Christmas break.

Class will resume on Wednesday, January 5th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Advent Service @Zion 7:45 Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b> Week 1 Visits 6:15 AHG mtg.	<b>3</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>4</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 9:30 Confirmation
<b>5</b> 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 First Bible Study 10:00 JOINT Service followed by Partnership Potluck 2:00 St. Paul Dorcas	<b>6</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00 Circuit @Nortonville 6:00 LYF Meal @First 7:45 Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b> Week 2 Visits 6:00-8:00pm Nativity & Angel Display @Fairview	<b>10</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>11</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 9:30 Confirmation 11:30 First LWML Christmas lunch
<b>12</b> 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study 10:00 Zion LWML	<b>13</b> Articles Due For Newsletter 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	<b>14</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>15</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Advent Service @Immanuel 7:45 Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b> Week 3 Visits	<b>17</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>18</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 9:30 Confirmation
<b>19</b> 4th Sunday in Advent 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study 12:00 Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group	<b>20</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Council	<b>21</b> Start of Winter 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Week 4 Visits	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service @Imm & St.P 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service @First & Zion	<b>25</b> Christmas 10:00am Christmas Day Service @ Zion 
<b>26</b> 1st Sunday a Christmas 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>29</b> 1:00 AC Home w/communion	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00pm New Year's Eve Service @First	

## Advent Wreath

### First Sunday of Advent. Light the 1st candle

**Scripture (John 1:1-5; Psalm 71:2-15)**

**Prayer:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Second Sunday of Advent. Light 1st and 2nd candles in order.

**Scripture (Isaiah 11:1-10)**

**Prayer:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Third Sunday of Advent. Light the 1st, 2nd, and 3<sup>rd</sup> (rose) candles in order

**Scripture (Isaiah 9:2-7, 40:3-5, 7:14-15):**

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent. Light all the candles in order

**Scripture (Luke 1:24-33, 2:1-6)**

**Prayer:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Jesse Tree

Day	Story of Salvation	Reading/Ornament
December 1	Creation	sun, moon, stars, animals, earth (Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4)
December 2	Adam and Eve	Tree of Life, man, woman (Genesis 2:7-9, 18-24)
December 3	The Fall of Man	Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, serpent, bitten apple (Genesis 3:1-7 and 23-24)
December 4	Noah	ark, animals, dove, rainbow (Genesis 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22)
December 5	Abraham	knife (Genesis 12:1-3)
December 6	Isaac	bundle of wood, altar, ram (Genesis 22:1-14)
December 7	Jacob	ladder (Genesis 25:1-34; 28:10-15)
December 8	Joseph	well, multi-colored tunic (Genesis 25:1-34; 28:10-15)
December 9	Moses	baby in basket among reeds, Commandments (Exodus 2:1-10)

December 10	Samuel	lamp, temple (1 Samuel 2:21, 3:1-20)
December 11	Jesse	tree stump with flower (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
December 12	David	harp (1 Samuel 17:12-51)
December 13	Solomon	temple, scales of Justice, sword and baby (1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28)
December 14	Joseph	carpenter's tools, flowering staff (Matthew 1:18-25)
December 15	Mary	Lily, blue veil, pierced heart, (Genesis 3:15, Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)
December 16	John the Baptist	scallop shell, locusts, honey (Mark 1:1-8)
<p>On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons. The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on these "O" Antiphons (LSB 357)</p>		
December 17	Jesus is Wisdom	oil lamp, open book (Isaiah 11:2-3)
December 18	Jesus is Lord	burning bush, stone tablets (Ex. 3:2; 20:1)
December 19	Jesus is Root of Jesse	Tree stump (Isaiah 11:1, 10; Rev 5:1-5)
December 20	Jesus is Key of David	key (Isaiah 22:22)
December 21	Jesus is Radiant Dawn	Rising Sun (Isaiah 9:2)
December 22	Jesus is King of the Gentiles	Crown (Psalm 2:7-8; Isaiah 2:4; 9:7)
December 23	Jesus is God with us (Immanuel)	Chalice and host (Isaiah 7:14)
December 24	Jesus is the Light of the World	Candle, Flame (John 1:1-14)



**Other Traditions (can be found anywhere online if interested)**

Day	Name	Tradition	Readings
December 6	St Nicholas' Day	Gift Giving/Almsgiving	Matt 6:1-4
December 13	St Lucy's Day	Sweets/Lights/Candles	Matt 5:14-16

The Jesse Tree is a time-honored Advent tradition that traces the Old Testament lineage of Jesus through images and symbols.

The idea of a Jesse tree stems from a prophecy in the Book of Isaiah: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1)

Jesse was the father of David, one of Israel's greatest kings. When David died, God's people waited for another king to emerge from his family line. Many generations later, Jesus was born.

These 19 Jesse Tree symbols represent key biblical figures and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The symbols can be cut out and hung on a branch or tree, or used as two-dimensional ornaments pasted on a large tree drawing.

The symbols were created by local graphic designer Lawton Mak.



**Apple**

The apple reminds us of the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden.



**Ark of the Covenant**

The Ark of the Covenant held the Ten Commandments. It also is a name we call Mary.



**Bethlehem**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town whose name means "House of Bread."



**Sword of Judith**

With the help of God, Judith saved the Israelites from the Assyrian army. Her faith precedes Mary's.



**Altar of Holocaust**

The Altar of Holocaust is where Moses made a sacrifice of burnt offerings to God.



**Crown and Scepter**

We remember during Advent that Jesus is our king.



**Jacob's Ladder**

Jacob dreamed of a ladder with angels that extended from heaven to earth.



**Jonah and the Whale**

Jonah was stuck in the whale for three days, prefiguring Jesus in the tomb for three days.



**Tablets of the Law**

The laws (Commandments) were given by God to Moses at Mount Sinai.



**Burning Bush**

God revealed himself to Moses through a burning bush.



**Paschal Lamb**

The Jews sacrificed a lamb as a symbol of their release from slavery. Jesus is the "Lamb of God."



**Manna**

As the Israelites traveled to the Promised Land, God provided manna to nourish them each day.



**Noah's Ark**

Just as Noah saved animals and humans from the flood, Jesus saves us from death and destruction.



**The Temple**

The temple is God's dwelling place, where he makes his presence known to his people.



**Key of David**

Jesus is considered the "Key of the House of David," who opened the door to heaven.



**Pillar of Fire**

The Pillar of Fire guided the Israelites during the night, as they made their way through the desert.



**Root of Jesse**

Jesse was the father of David. Jesus the Savior is the flower foretold to bloom from Jesse's line.



**Star of David**

The six-pointed star represents the royal house of David.



**The Sun**

The sun represents the dawn of creation, as well as the light of Christ.