

Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024



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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

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Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

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Isaiah 35:4

...Say to those who have anxious heart, "Be strong, fear not!"

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH

...The Stewardship Board invites you to "Exercise Your Faith" and Read the Bible in a year! Each week a schedule of dates and verses will be listed; follow along to complete the Bible in 2024.

- December 16 – Revelation 12, Nahum 1-3
- December 17 – Revelation 13-14, Habakkuk 1-3
- December 18 – Revelation 15-16, Zephaniah 1-3
- December 19 – Revelation 17-18, Haggai 1-2
- December 20 – Revelation 19, Zechariah 1-8
- December 21 – Proverbs 30:24-33, Psalm 144-147
- December 22 – Home Devotion

PEW SISTERS

...A small group discussion Women's Bible Study from CPH will be running January 4 – February 15 on Saturday mornings at 8am in the Great Room led by Cindy Smith. Book cost is \$11. Call or text Cindy at 989-550-1124 to reserve your spot.

LADIES AID

...will meet on Thursday, December 19 at 12:30pm at the Lamplighter.

REMINDER

...that the class for the OWLs hosted drivers' refresher course on January 7 & 8 is limited to 15 people. See a committee member to sign for the class. Committee: Barbara Neuman, Sally Rievert, Pat Seabrook, Nancy Brown, & Doug Forsberg.

FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

...Come take a peek at Valley Lutheran this January! Any and all interested families are invited to join us for a one-hour experience that showcases what VL is all about. Arrivals begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22. Please let us know you're coming and choose an arrival time that works best for you at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek. Please contact Amy Cooper, at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions.

SHARE A CHRISTMAS COOKIE SUNDAY

...Sunday, December 22 bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to church and drop them off in the great room before service. After service, everyone is invited to pick a cookie to enjoy.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim & Shirley Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Randy Forbing, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Grayson Cohn, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers and Pastor Hagenow.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, December 8, 2024; 9:00 – 165; Monday, 6:30 – 32; Wednesday, December 11 - 69

COLLIDE ROAST BEEF DINNER

...The Youth Board would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Collide Roast Beef Dinner last Sunday, and all of those who purchased a ticket! We are very blessed to have such a generous congregation & community supporting our youth. We were able to raise over \$1,900 that will go towards the expense for our upcoming trip to New Orleans for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering next July!! A special thank you to Ashley Bumhoffer for creating the beautiful center pieces on the table; Dick & Connie Gremel for donating some of the delicious roast beef; Mike & Lorene Zagata for donating dairy products; Lori A Kemp, Lori L Kemp, Tracy Kemp, Kristin Rieman and Jennifer Wissner for donating some of the wonderful desserts; and all the our adult and youth volunteers who helped prepare, serve and clean up (Jim Bratton, Becky Fiebig, Sandy Irion, Lori A Kemp, Heather Kuhl, John Markiewicz, Yvette Scharf, Whitney Schulz, Lori Sweetman, Mike Zagata, Grace & Jacob Boyer, Kasen, Paige & Jake Fiebig, Lydia & Maddie Irion, McKenna, Madison & Kennedy Kemp, Emersynn Kuhl, Eleanor Matthews, Kate & Addison Pommerenke, Abby & Madison Reithel, Heidi & Hazel Scharf, Charlotte & Oscar Schulz, and Ally, Mya & Carter Sweetman). We could not have pulled it off without all of you!

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 600 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Sorrow Welcomed Here" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev Dr Michael Zeigler. The church welcomes people, but does it also welcome their problems? Dr Michael Zeigler says the church should be a place that makes room for both joy and sorrow. (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

CHRISTMAS MORNING

...For all those planning to attend Christmas morning worship, come a little early (8:00am) to enjoy a little fellowship breakfast to celebrate Jesus's birth!

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Students at both campuses are practicing hard for their Christmas services. The P-2 service is today at St. Paul at 2:00pm. Grades 3-8 have their program Wednesday at Immanuel at 6:30pm.

...We had our book fair at both campuses this past week. The students are always excited to check out the new books.

...Our students were able to take at least 16 tags off the angel trees this year with the money they raised during their Read-A-Thon, and had some funds left over to purchase food for the food pantries. We are blessed to be able to give back to the community!

Our Lord's Business this Week

December 15 – December 22

SUNDAY:	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
	2:00 PM	CTK PS-2 Christmas Program at St. Paul
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	6:00 PM	Glory Ringers
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP/Communion
TUESDAY:	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
WEDNESDAY:	8:05 AM	CTK Chapel
	6:30 PM	CTK 3-8 Christmas Program at Immanuel – group 2 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	12:30 PM	Ladies Aid at Lamplighter
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Christmas Party & Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Glory Ringers

SERVING NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 22)

Acolytes: 9:00-Zand Alderson & Reed Werschky

Greeters: 9:00-Krisit Eurich & Sarah Kemp

Scrip: 9:00-Lori Kemp

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 3: Tom Sting, Floyd Winchell, Ryan Kuhl, Gerald Gross, David Dufty, Austin Dufty

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9:00 am

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Advent Wreath

P: The angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).”

P: Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath. It is sometimes called the Candle of Joy.

Sung to *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O Christ our Joy for everlasting days

Wake heart and tongue to si-ng Your praise.

With priest and prophet, shep-herd and king,

We celebrate the news the angels bring.

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

P: 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.**

Kyrie

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The First Reading – *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

The Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

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Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you;

he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,

so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,

at the time when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to
everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be
anxious about anything, but in everything by
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the
peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 7:18-28

The disciples of John reported all these
things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his
disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying,
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we
look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had
come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has
sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is
to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that
hour he healed many people of diseases and
plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were
blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered
them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and
heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame
walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear,
the dead are raised up, the poor have good
news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the
one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus
began to speak to the crowds concerning John:
“What did you go out into the wilderness to
see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then
did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft
clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in
splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’
courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your
face,

who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none
is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in
the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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SCRIP: Anne Bell
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Who Should Commune?

In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.



Our Congregation at Prayer

Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Advent 4 C
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: Jesus came to shepherd sinners by offering Himself as a sacrifice.
Through His sacrifice we have peace; blessed are those who believe that this is fulfilled!

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.

**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.**

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



Gradual Zech 9.9; Ps 118.26

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Collect

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.

The Psalm for Advent 4 C may be read (Psalm 80.1-7) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24	122	33	50	18.1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or the daily readings below be used

December 15	Isaiah 30.27-31.9	Revelation 3.1-22
December 16	Isaiah 32.1-20	Revelation 4.1-11
December 17	Isaiah 33.1-24	Revelation 5.1-14
December 18	Isaiah 34.1-2, 8-35.10 (Micah 1.1-7.2)	Revelation 6.1-17
December 19	Isaiah 40.1-17	Revelation 7.1-17
December 20	Isaiah 40.18-41.10	Revelation 8.1-13
December 21	Isaiah 42.1-25	Revelation 9.1-12

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Micah 5.2-5

What would happen in Bethlehem?

How will this ruler shepherd the flock of Israel?

How will this one be the peace of the people?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Why doesn't God want sacrifices and burnt offering?

How does Jesus do the will of the Father?

How are we sanctified (made holy)?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45 (46-56)

Why did John leap in the womb of Elizabeth?

What does Elizabeth understand about the child Mary is carrying?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Lord's Prayer Continued

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

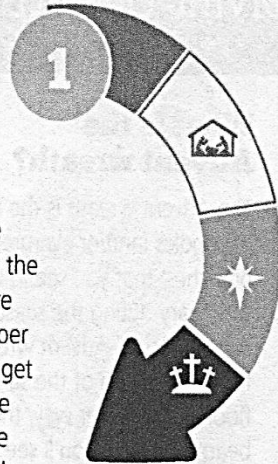
What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



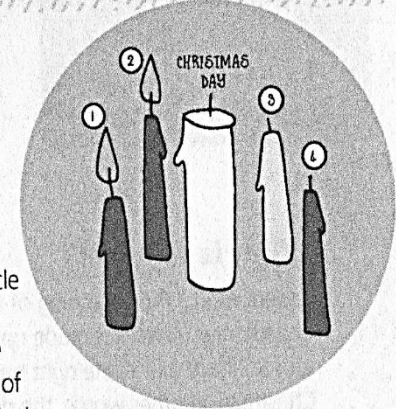
Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.

How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.

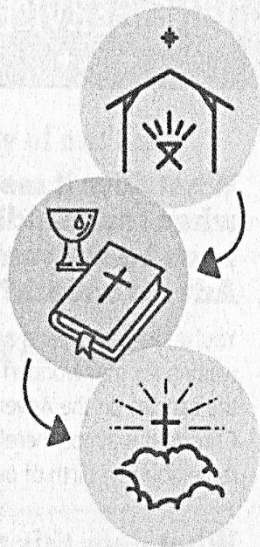


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The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means "coming." During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.



What is the rest of the Advent story?

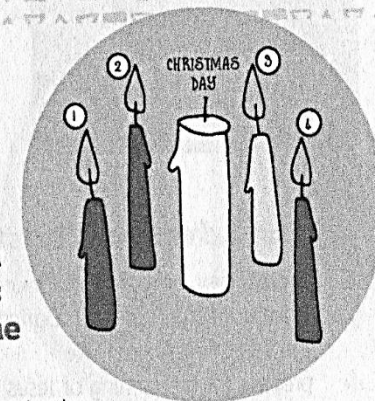
The Advent of Christ has three parts. God's Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God's Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



Parents:

When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!

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What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Collide Youth Calendar 2024 - 2025

Updated 12/15/24

December 15th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe JH Christmas Party 3-5p, \$5 per person, Basement includes all activities and gift exchange HS Christmas Party 5-7p, Free, New Time, Great Room
December 22nd	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe
December 29th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe
January 5th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm
January 11th	Winter Formal - Jimmy Jam \$10 6th to 8th Grade - 5-7pm - Sebewaing VFW
January 12th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Family Dance 2-3:30pm - Free will offering. K-5th with parents or guardians - Sebewaing VFW
January 19th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm
January 26th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe
February 2nd	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm
February 8th	Superbowl Sub Prep - Volunteers needed!
February 9th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Superbowl Sub Sale after church
February 16th	Breakfast - All 6-12th grade, 8-8:45am Collide Cafe Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm
July 18-24th	National Youth Gathering - current 8th-12th www.LCMSGathering.com Registration now open - attend any event to register

What has Collide been up to lately?

December 8th	Roast Beef Dinner Thank you for your support! Thank you to everyone that help to make it happen!
November 23rd	Soup Sale in Great Room Lighted Parade Float - Spirit Of Christmas Festival
November 17th	Collide, JH 6-8th 3-4pm, HS 9-12th 6-7pm
November 3rd	Lions vs. Packers Tailgate & Game A message about pro athletes and their faith 20 kids participated
October 27th	The first Collide Breakfast for all 6-12th graders Pumpkin Roll at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown National Youth Gathering information meeting
October 25th	Trunk or Treat @ CTK w/ Collide Football theme Trunk
October 20th	Collide Fellowship & NYG informational meeting
October 6th	S'More Jesus - s'mores, devotion & fellowship
September 23rd	October-fest at CTK - Fundraiser for Collide German food served @ CTK volleyball & soccer games. Thank you to everyone that came to support Collide
September 13th	Face paint table @ USA Homecoming

Please sign-up to attend the National Youth Gathering ASAP

Direct any questions to Charles McGathy or Sarah Kemp

Collide events are open to all youth, not just Immanuel members

Join Us!

- Info also available on the church's updated website: ilcmi.org/youth
- Follow the **Collide Facebook Page** for updates!