

THANK YOU to the LWML for serving the Advent Meal on Dec. 3 and the Elders for serving this evening.



Sunday, December 14

Worship Service w/Holy Communion
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m.

Advent Services ~ December 17

Advent Meal - 5:30 p.m.

Advent Divine Service
w/Holy Communion- 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21

Worship Service w/Holy Communion
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m.

Christmas Caroling - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Children's Program
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship
w/Holy Communion – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 28

Worship Service w/Holy Communion
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m.

**SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT
December 10, 2025**

Opening Hymn		<i>p. 349</i>
	<i>"Hark the Glad Sound"</i>	
Divine Service Three		<i>p. 184</i>
Kyrie		<i>p. 186</i>
Collect of the Day		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	
Holy Gospel	John 1:1-9	
Nicene Creed		<i>p. 191</i>
Sermon Hymn	<i>"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"</i>	<i>p. 337</i>
Sermon		Lights
Offering	<i>(Offering plates are near the doors as you exit)</i>	
Prayers of the Church		<i>p. 193</i>
Service of the Sacrament		<i>p. 194</i>
Distribution Hymns		
	<i>"When All the World Was Cursed"</i>	<i>p. 346</i>
	<i>"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" **</i>	<i>p. 834</i>
	<i>"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"</i>	<i>p. 624</i>
Nunc Dimittis		<i>p. 199</i>
Salutation & Benedicamus		<i>p. 201</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>vs. 1 & 6</i>	<i>p. 357</i>
	<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	

SERVING US THIS EVENING

Rev. Peter C. Kolb, Pastor ~ Rose Tucker, Organist

** - Hymn of the Month

A LOVING WORD TO THOSE GUESTS WHO WISH TO COMMUNE

We believe, as Scripture teaches, that the Body and Blood of our Lord are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament and those who eat and drink unworthily, that is, not believing these truths, do so to their great harm. Also, Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar. Therefore, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are requested to refrain from the table and speak to the Pastor or Elder to see how you can prepare in the future to also receive this gift of grace.

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Our Mission Statement: Learning, Living and Sharing Christ's Love



EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we "deck the halls with boughs of holly." These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

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**MIDWEEK OF ADVENT II
LIGHTS**

"Prepare!" is often the watchword of the season as the world gets ready for another celebration of Christmas. An integral part of any preparation is decoration. We see decorations everywhere this time of year. The world may not comprehend the real meaning of Christmas, but even secular preparations use many of the same decorations beloved by Christians—an appropriation we shouldn't mind at all, because these decorations point us to Christ. This year, as we look forward again to the coming of the Messiah, we take a fresh look at how the adornments of the season draw our eyes to Jesus, that we may more richly behold the love, peace, joy, and hope He comes to bring as this beauty is set before us.

Tonight, we focus on lights. You see them everywhere this time of year. Some neighborhoods even compete, and tourist destinations spend millions on attractive light displays. Like evergreens, this is something nonreligious people do this time of year without appreciating their true significance. Yet we know that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12). He came to restore righteousness to the world. This restoration continues to unfold through the ministry He has entrusted to His church. As Zechariah sang, "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace" (*LSB*, Benedictus, Morning Prayer). We gather this evening to bask in the light of Jesus that His Word would have its way with us and so reflect His saving light into the darkness that remains in our world.



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