

The First Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and

drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 21:1-11

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."



Wonderful Counselor

November 30, 2025

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather ~ *The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now.* The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem “humble, and mounted on a donkey,” riding on “a beast of burden” (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt. 21:9). For we are called “to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,” His holy Church, “that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we “walk in the light of the LORD” (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which “does no wrong to a neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). We “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” (Matt. 24:42).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
A/V	Paul Bohn
Ushers	Dick Bluemer and Bruce Tessin
Altar Guild	Irene Kruth and Karen Gardner

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 55 Thanksgiving **55** Needed for *The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,316 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$2,233; Capital Projects \$50; God's Helping Hands \$30,100 (\$30,000 grant from the Allen Foundation).

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: November 30- Jaydon Mayer, Lynn Rossow; December 1- Carrie Gardner, Tim Zeitler; December 2- Christopher Wietfeldt; December 4- Gavin Gilbert, Chad LaLonde, Kim Rohde; December 5- Eric Kreger, Connie Richardson; December 6- Landon Zastrow.

Today's Memory Verse ~ “But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.” Micah 7:7

Bake Sale will be held on December 14th following the worship service in the fellowship hall. Baked goods are needed. Please have them at the church on Saturday, December 13th between 1 and 3 pm or on Sunday before 9 am. See Lois Tessin with questions.

Midweek Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Poinsettias ~ Envelopes for donations were included in your packet of offering envelopes or can be given to or Irene Kruth.

Recycle your Christmas lights ~ Have old Christmas lights? Don't throw them away! Indoor/outdoor string lights can be dropped off at the church office or the Richland Township office in Hemlock through January 15, 2026. Contact Mid Michigan Waste Authority with any questions at 989-781-9555.

Immanuel Lutheran, Wheeler Christmas Bazaar ~ Saturday, December 6 from 9 am 2 pm. Decorated Christmas Cookies \$8 per dozen, hard candy in many flavors, baked goods, outside vendors and crafts.

God's Helping Hands will not be open on December 27, the fourth Saturday. We thank all our volunteers who need a break ! Please pass the word to those who may need to know.