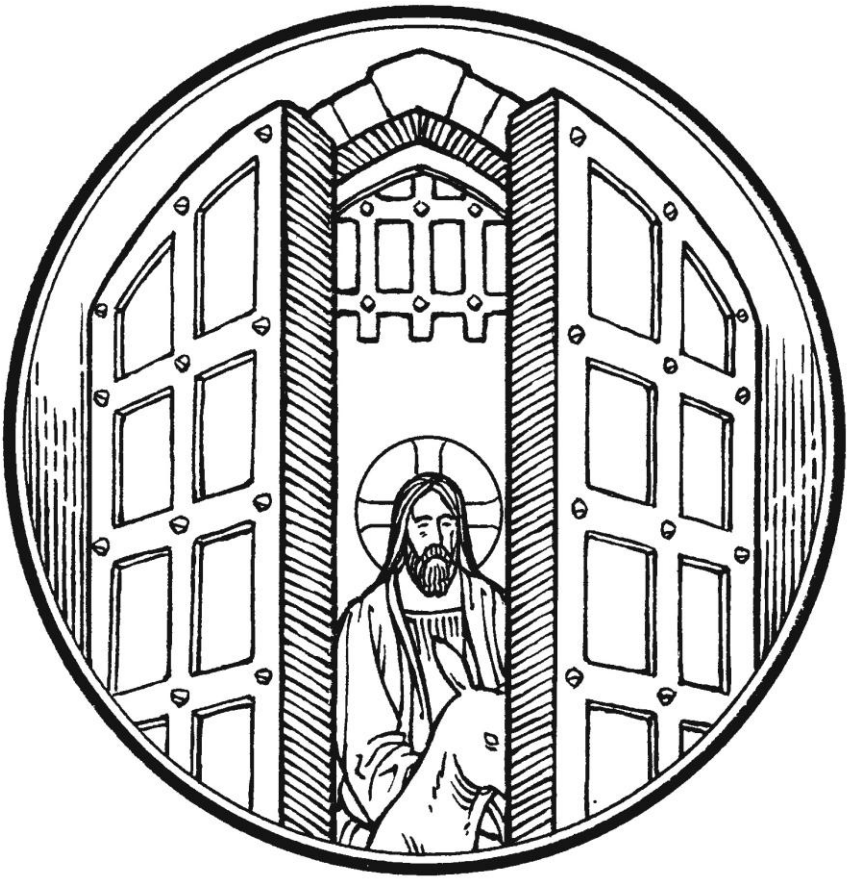
First Sunday in Advent



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AS WE GATHER –THE LORD JESUS COMES IN HUMILITY TO REDEEM US– The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

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✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT **JEREMIAH 23:5-8**

5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and
deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the
land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell
securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The
Lord is our righteousness.' 7 "Therefore, behold, the days are
coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, 'As the
Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of
Egypt,' 8 but 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the
offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out
of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall
dwell in their own land."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL **PSALM 25:3-4**

None who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

EPISTLE **ROMANS 13:8-14**

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one
who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments,
"You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall
not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are
summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as
yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is
the fulfilling of the law. 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL **MATTHEW 21:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1 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, and 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!"

℗ O Lord, have mercy on us.
℃ Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

℗ Lord, in your Mercy, **℃ Hear our Prayer**

In Our Prayers:
+ Charlotte Ehrke
+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Dave Wroge
+ Associate Pastor
+ Atticus Aldrich
+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Sonya Clausen
+ Scott Christenson
+ Maya Radtke
+ Elva Kjenstad
+ Andy Birkholz

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: 175
Bible Study: 28
Sunday School: 40

Organist:
Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2027 ENVELOPES – Offering envelopes for 2027 are available on the tables in the Lower Narthex. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until January 1, 2027. At that time, please discard ALL old envelopes (as numbers may have changed). If you are able to take envelopes for your family members, please do so.

2. 2027 CALENDARS FOR SALE – All proceeds support our youth mission trip. Thank you for your support!

3. YOUTH EVENTS SURVEY – The Board of Education is seeking input from youth and families in planning 2027 youth events. Please fill out the survey located on the youth bulletin board in the education wing.

4. DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTION –A table will be in the upper narthex to hand out directories. If you are not able to get to church to pick up your copy, please reach out to one of the Stewardship members. If you were not able to get your picture in the directory, but would still like to have a copy, there are a limited number of extra copies that are available to purchase for $10 each. (Darlene Schmidt (320)583-3022; Julie Dial (952) 484-4436; Brittany Litzau (612) 203-7003)

5. WINDOWS OF FAITH – We are very happy and thankful to inform you that we have reached our goal of $78,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project to achieve our initial goal. We have had a few cost overruns. After we know the total cost of the completed project, we will inform the congregation. In the meantime, we will continue to accept donations to this project.

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL SHEPHERDS – Christmas program practice has begun. We will need youth helpers each week to sit with younger children in the pews during practices and during the program (second service 12/13). Please report to the preschool room by 9:10am each week. Extra helpers who are not needed for the day may attend youth bible study instead.

7. USHERS NEEDED – Ushers are needed for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Eve/Day services. Please use the sign-up sheet on the desk in the Upper Narthex if you are able to help. You do NOT need to be a current Usher to help out.

8. ADVENT SCHEDULE – Our Advent Services will take place on Wednesdays, December 2nd and 9th at 7:00 PM. (December 16th will

be at St. Peter). A meal will be held prior to the services, beginning at 6:00 PM. Meal on December 2nd will be hosted by ACT to help raise fund for future mission trips. Meal on December 9th will be a soup supper cook-off. Bring your favorite soup, sample and vote! Prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers. See sheet on desk in the Upper Narthex for more information and to sign-up.

9. FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER – Everyone is invited to join us for a free Christmas Dinner on December 6th at 5:00 pm in the church basement. Questions, please email: alakelee@gmail.com. RSVP by TOMORROW, Nov. 30th on the desk in the upper narthex or online at https://forms.gle/5QTbznmGWou8JVTp7

10. TOY COLLECTION – We are collecting UNWRAPPED toys for kids ages 2-12 who get help from the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis. Please place your toys in the marked area of the upper narthex. We will deliver your donations with our sandwiches on December 17th.

11. ANGEL TREE – The LWML is looking for Angel ornaments to add to their angel tree in the church basement. If you have one you would like to donate, please hang it on the tree in the basement. Thank you!

12. UPDATE – On Monday, November 16, 2026, the St. Peter and St. Paul partnership committee met to begin exploring new worship and fellowship opportunities. Several opportunities were brought forward and discussed, which will be further refined at the next committee meeting in December. At that time, a letter will be crafted and sent to every household within both congregations. This letter will raise awareness among all members about the current partnership between the two churches. Additionally, this letter will share newly developed opportunities for partnership to be considered for approval by each voters' assembly in January.

13. RED STOCKING – It's time to bring in your Red Stockings and drop it in the big Red Stocking in the Upper Narthex. Preferably, put your collection in the big stocking and keep stocking to start collecting for next year. Proceeds to go support the mission projects of the LWML. If you don't have a stocking, there are some available with instructions. Thank you for your support.

14. LWML – We will begin collecting items for Hygiene Kits in December. Items needed are: Bath towels (dark colors), washcloths (no hand towels), bath size bar of soap, toothbrush, band-aids ½"

or ¾", small packs of facial tissues. Place them in the bin under LWML table. Kits will go to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you!

15. THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Baskets of Blessings for the McLeod Food Shelf! With your gifts and a Thrivent card we were able to supply 15 complete turkey dinner kits in laundry baskets to people in need.

16. SCHEDULE – *December 6* ~ Ushers: 1st Service: Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth; 2nd Service: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel; Acolytes: 1st Service: M. Barlau, E. Christen; 2nd Service: T. Herrmann, I. Foust; Greeters- 1st Service: Chip & Corbey Hentges, 2nd Service: Barb Parpart; Flowers: Jane Holasek and Shirley Minnick; Altar Guild: Larisa Kosek, Amanda Barlau, Kim Schauer and Crystal Schauer; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Nov 29	**8:00 a.m.** 9:15 a.m. **10:30 a.m.**	**WORSHIP SERVICE** Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study **WORSHIP SERVICE**
Mon. Nov 30		4th Grade Release Time Class Deadline to sign up for Christmas Dinner
Wed. Dec 2	Noon 2:55 p.m. 6:00 p.m. **7:00 p.m.**	Deadline for Bulletin 5th/6th Grade Release Time Confirmation Class Advent Supper **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**
Fri. Dec. 4		Church Offices Closed
Sun. Dec 6	**8:00 a.m.** 9:15 a.m. **10:30 a.m.** 5:00 p.m.	**WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION** Sunday School/ Bible Study **WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION** Congregational Christmas Dinner

Acknowledgement:

+ Memorials for Daniel Gueningsman were received in the total amount of $120.00 for the Windows of Faith and $10.00 for the General Fund.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



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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