

*First Sunday in Advent*  
*December 2, 2018*



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**We Welcome All** who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

**Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today.** We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

**Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

**YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US!** A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

**YOUTH BIBLE CLASS** – Youth (7-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are presented to the Glory of God by Roger & Carol Pluedeman for blessings received.

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The King Shall Come to Bring Us Hope

December 2, 2018

## AS WE GATHER

While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

**People:** **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** God came to Adam and Eve after they had sinned.

**People:** **He clothed them, hiding their shame.**

**Pastor:** God came to Israel when they were enslaved in Egypt.

**People:** **He delivered them out of the house of slavery.**

**Pastor:** Christ was born into our world.

**People:** **He cast out demons, healed our diseases, and preached good news to the poor.**

**Pastor:** Christ came into Jerusalem on a donkey.

**People:** **And He died and rose again for us and for our salvation.**

**Pastor:** Christ promised He will come again.

**People:** **We wait for His return and the resurrection of the dead.**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

**People:** **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Pastor:** On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

**People:** **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

## HYMN “The King Shall Come to Bring Us Hope”

The King shall come to bring us hope  
To save us from despair.  
Descending from Mount Olive’s slope  
Christ showed His humble care.

We light this candle to recall  
The praise our Lord is due.  
Our palms and loud hosannas fall  
To greet the one King, true.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 19:38*

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts.**

Pastor: Jesus not only comes as an infant at Christmas and in glory at His return, but He also comes to you in words of forgiveness and life. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

✠ **WORD** ✠

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16* (A righteous Branch will spring up for David.)

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** *Psalms 25:1–10*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **EPISTLE** *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13* (“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.”)

<sup>9</sup>For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM** “Advent Psalm” (Bach/Wesley/arr. Fettke) Solo – Jackie Pearce Flute – Becky Shifra

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25-36*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” LSB 350

## **SERMON** “A Prophecy for Me” Jeremiah 33:14-16

## **CREED** Early – Nicene Creed Late – Apostles’ Creed (*Creds can be found on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

**OFFERING** “Savior of the Nations, Come” (arr. Kauffmann) Organ

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**People: Amen.**

***Early service please continue with the Sacrament***

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” LSB 341 v. 1, 2, 5

**POSTLUDE** “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Behnke) Organ

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** LSB 161

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### LORD’S PRAYER

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** LSB 163

## **DISTRIBUTION**

“Savior of the Nations Come” LSB 332

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

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**IN HIS SERVICE**

Elder/Helper Early – Bill Weber, Marv Jarvis  
Late – Gary Fawcett

Ushers Early – Dick Cherney, Debbie Holewinski, Glenn Finger, Bob Johnson  
Late – Jack Toivonen, Ken Kuntz, Dave & Lynn Parker

Greeters Early – Don & Kris Secord  
Late – Lynn Parker

Readers Early – Mary Malinsky  
Late – Jan Toivonen

Acolytes Early – Krystal Kasmarek  
Late – Hunter Behnke

Media Operators  
Early – Carol Pluedeman  
Late – Jan Wise

Altar Care – Penny Finger, Kathy Grief

Nursery - Education Hour -  
Late Service -

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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**This week at Our Savior:**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>03</b> |                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>04</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>9:30 am Quilters<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir<br>7:15 pm Choir                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>05</b> | 12:00 Congregational Christmas Party<br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm Advent Service                                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>06</b> | 6:30 pm Dad's Bible Study                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>07</b> | Office Closed                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>08</b> | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation<br>8:15 am PreK & K Rehearsal<br>9:00 am Children's Christmas Rehearsal             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>09</b> | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Children's Christmas Service |

**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 71, Late: 138, Communion: 111, Sunday Bible Study: 24, Sunday School: 33, Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 5, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: n/a, Tuesday Bible Study: 20

**ACTUAL to DATE** (as of October 31, 2018)

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>       | \$ 321,992.35 |
| <b>OPERATION EXPENSES</b> | \$ 296,193.28 |
| <b>BALANCE</b>            | \$ 25,799.07  |



**God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!**

**Birthdays:**

**2** – Kayden Halsey **3** – Arthur Granat, Sherri Congleton **5** – Gerald Yetter, Willie Lorenz  
**6** – Julia Schilling, Larry Merritt **8** – Denise Voss



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Sunday between services

**Prayers For Our Families** – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Abigail Alft, Carol Duckworth, Luke Hoffman, Paul Kurth,  
Ashlin Messner, Ron Ritzer Family, Richard & Ruth Steinke*

**Our Savior Email List** - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure [oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com](mailto:oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com) is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

**Constitution & Bylaws** – There are copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws in the racks near the Welcome Center. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

**Nursery Director & Volunteers Needed** - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex. We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers to serve in our nursery during the education hour and during the 10 am worship service. Please consider serving our youngest baptized members and those who visit as well.

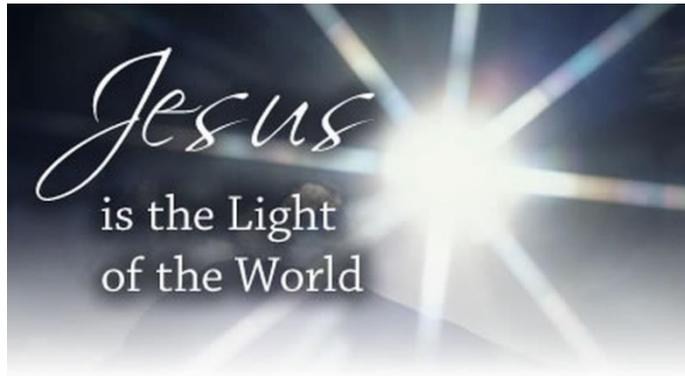
**California Wildfires** - Once again our nation has been hard hit by a natural disaster. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is on the ground with supplies and care for those in need. If you would like to donate to the efforts, you may call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone. You can text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 to make a donation by your cell phone. And you can go to the synod's website at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) to learn more.

**Martha Society Cookie Walk** - We cannot support our mission budget without your help! The Martha Society hosts a Cookie Walk each year on the same Sunday as the Children's Christmas Program, December 9th. We would love to have you donate some of your home baked Christmas cookies and other homemade specialties! Just bring them to church on Saturday, December 8 from 9-10:30 or Sunday, December 9 before 8:30. Cookies will be sold at \$8.00 per pound. All money is used for mission projects.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

**Many Hands Lighten the Load** - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. The **Altar Guild** and **Trustees** are in need of members to maintain our facilities in order that the Word of God may be proclaimed among us and to our community. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

# ***2018 Children's Christmas Service***



***Sunday, December 9, 10 a.m.***

*Join us for a special worship experience as our Sunday school students share the Christmas message in a service entitled, "Christmas Lights!"*

***Join us as we praise Jesus, the Light of the world!***