# Zion Lutheran Church



# November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 **First Sunday in Advent**



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

## **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

# **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

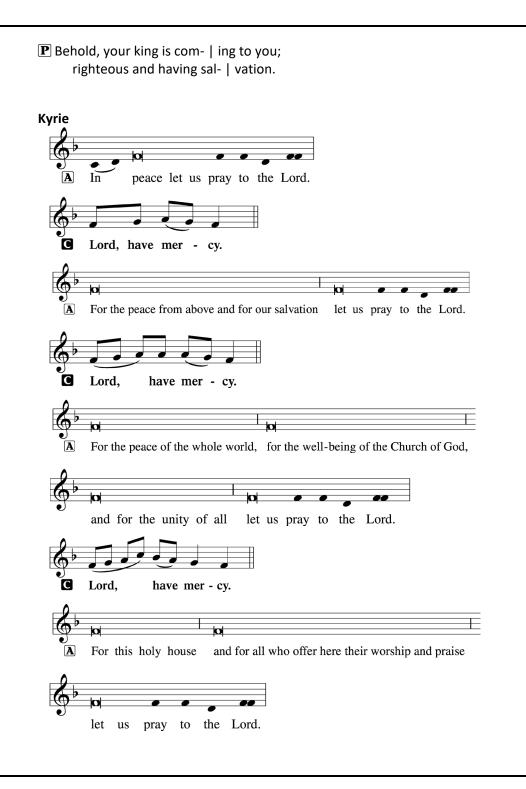
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

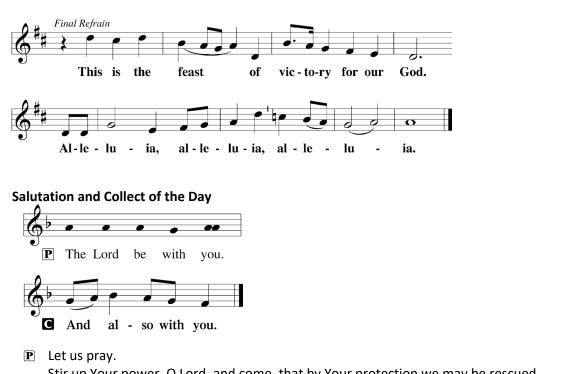
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### The Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; righteous and having sal- | vation.
Save us, we pray, | O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!
You are my God; I will ex- | tol you.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.







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.



#### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 2:1–5

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

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, 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
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.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Grace Bell Choir – Prepare the Royal Highway (10:30 am)

#### Epistle Reading – Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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. 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. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

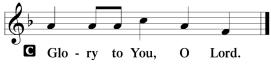
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#### **Holy Gospel**

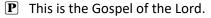
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

> "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.""

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."







- God the Father was His source,
   Back to God He ran His course.
   Into hell His road went down,
   Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's SonWho in flesh the vict'ry won.By Your mighty pow'r make wholeAll our ills of flesh and soul.
- From the manger newborn light
   Shines in glory through the night.
   Darkness there no more resides;
   In this light faith now abides.
- △ 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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#### Sermon

#### **Apostles' Creed**

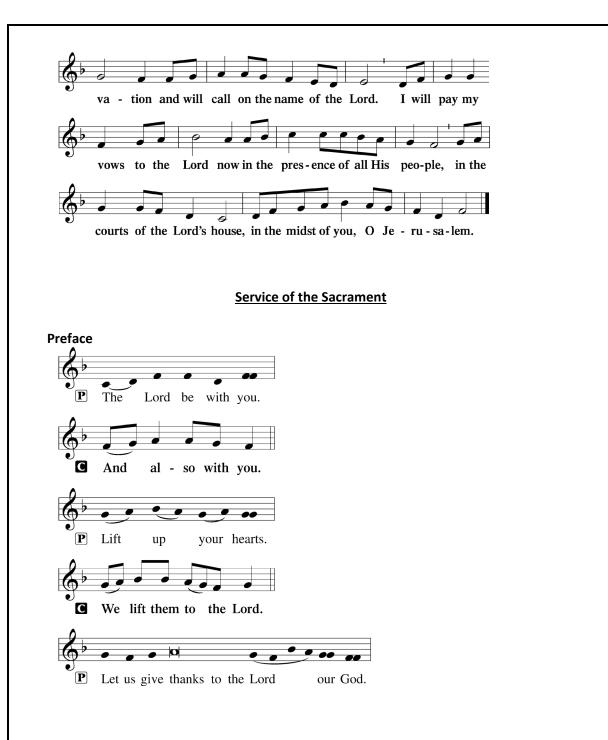
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church
P ... Let us pray to the Lord.
C ... Lord have mercy.

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

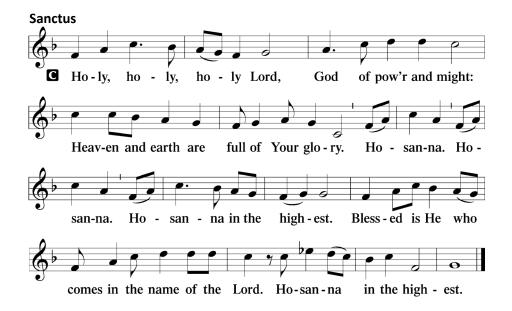
Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary.







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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betraved, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My 🕂 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

#### C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### Lord's Prayer

С Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

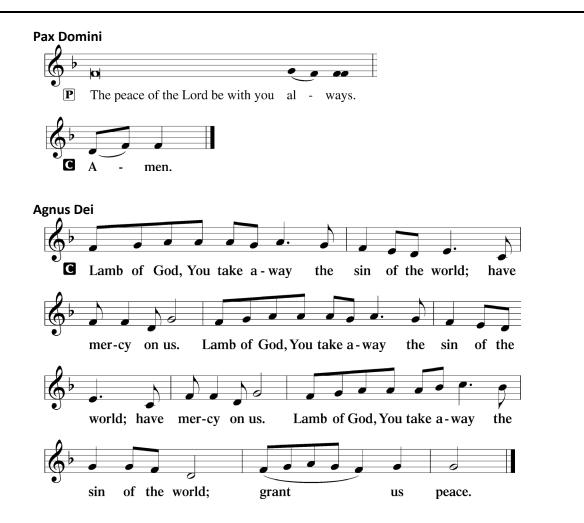
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

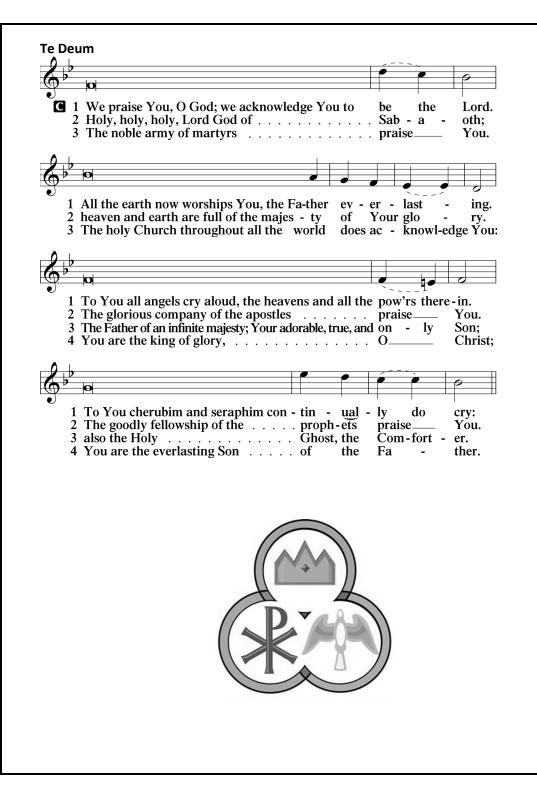


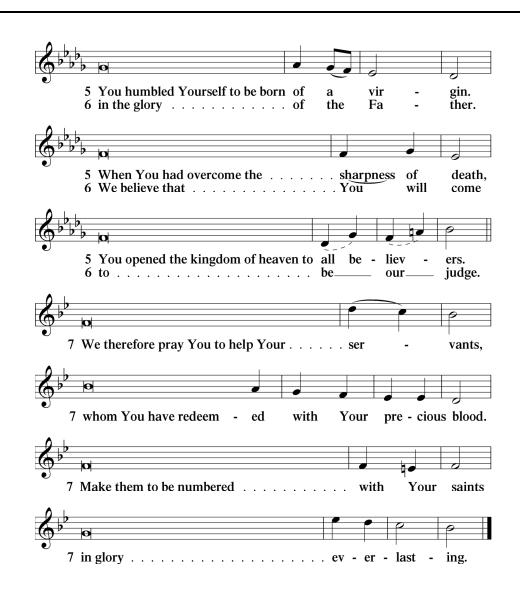
#### Distribution

If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

#### **Distribution Hymns**

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come	#350
Once He Came in Blessing	#333
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You	#334

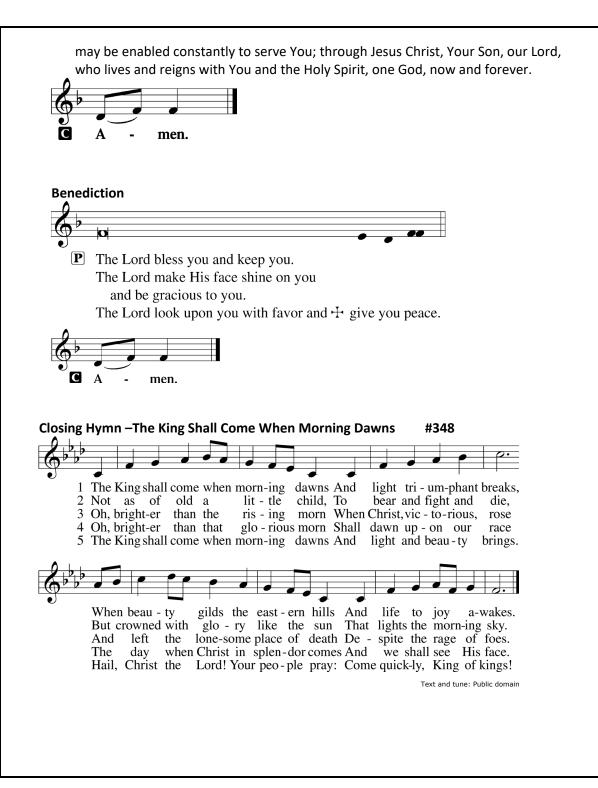




#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we



### Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

# The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Dottie Heslop, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-Healing & Strength for: Jack Ewing, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Dan, Larry and Fran W., Tom Carthy, Jacque Oelschlager, Bernice DeBoe, Salina Howcroft, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

# The World:

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

# <u>Our Nation:</u>

For our leaders and government officials.For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.For the disabled, unborn and aged.



# Service Participants +

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director	: Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Jim Neill, Bob Schmidt (8:00); Bill Bishop, Roger Diederich (10:30)
The Acolyte:	Lindsey Liberatore (8:00) Claire Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Megan & Ava Pasquini, Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager, Barb Oechslein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in memory of Grace Crum and Janet Hickey, and in celebration of Thanksgiving.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in memory of her father, Frank Rilius.



**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY** are now available for order in honor of, or memory of, loved ones. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, then you may pick them up following the 7 pm service. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex!

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES & SPONSORSHIPS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS/ETERNAL LIGHT are available in the back of the sanctuary. All members have envelopes, except those who regularly contribute online.



# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/20) – 40 (8 am); 73 (10:30 am) Thanksgiving Eve Worship Attendance (11/23) – (2 pm); (7 pm) Sunday Plate Offerings (11/20) – \$27,944 Online Offering – \$16,750 Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

This Week at Zion	
SUN 11/27 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship
MON 11/28	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 11/29	
WED 11/30	2:00 PM – Advent Service – Week 1 7:00 PM – Advent Service – Week 1
THU 12/1	
FRI 12/2	
SAT 12/3	9:00 – Trustees Work Day 11:30 – Church Decorating Party & Luncheon
SUN 12/4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship



Join us & lend a hand!

# Zion Decorating Party

Saturday 12/3 @ 11:30 am Lunch & Drinks Served

Pls sign-up in the Narthex or RSVP to Megan Glasser at events@zlcb.org

Dec. 18th!



Music from Zion youth and Sunday School in 10:30 service! Sunday School Christmas video shown after both services! Children's Christmas party during Sunday School hour! As the Christmas season approaches, the Bridgeville Area Food Bank would like to bless the 40 registered children with gifts at the December distribution. You have the opportunity to participate in purchasing a gift for a child in need. If you wish to participate, chose an angel gift tag marked with the child's age from the tree set up in the back of the church. Please use the sign-up sheet to sign next to the number and age recorded on the angel. Then



purchase a gift costing around twenty dollars. Return your unwrapped gift with the gift tag attached no later than Sunday, December 11.

In Christ's Service, Barb Oechslein, Bridgeville Area Food Bank Representative



# OUR FIRST MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

are this Wednesday at 2 & 7 pm. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior!

# JOIN US FOR ÉONCORDIA'S MINTH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 11 148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 (Entrance #5, Haven II)

Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- and residents
- Featuring Concordia staff Gift for children 12 and under

• Live Christmas music

- Live animals
- Hot beverages and refreshments
- Free admission

This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8268 or visit

www.concordialm.org.



# HIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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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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