

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; June Schroeder; Carol McBride; Dave & Tammy Bersel; Mel Bredemeier; Monique Buckhardt; Chase Malcolm; Virginia Doenges

THE ELDERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL meet this Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30pm and 7:00pm respectively.

ADVENT SUPPERS & SERVICES begin this Wednesday, December 2. This year, suppers will begin at 6:00pm with the service at 7:00pm.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will follow the theme of “Now and Not Yet.” Join us as we examine the Old Testament lessons from our Sunday services to see the fulfillment of God’s promises for His people—now, and not yet!

MASK-REQUIRED SERVICES will be held **every** Wednesday at 11:00am *except for* Wednesday, December 30.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will have a short series on Christmas texts, themes, and topics. Join us 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 for Luke 2, Matthew 2, the Star of Bethlehem, and more!

THE GIVING TREE, TOYS FOR TOTS, & SOCKS FOR VETS are all underway! Check them out as you leave today.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 29 (Advent 1)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Tue. Dec. 1	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Council
Wed. Dec. 2	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req’d.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Dec. 3	7:30pm Bible Study
Sun. Dec. 6 (Advent 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: December 6 / Advent 2

OT: Malachi 4:1-6

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13

HYMN: LSB 336

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze.*” The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “*straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.