

December 8th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CALL TO WORSHIPS: ADVENT LITANY

L: Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

L: Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord

C: that we may walk in the paths of the Lord.

L: They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

C: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

L: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

C: and a branch shall grow out of its roots.

L: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;

C: the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

L: The dead are raised,

C: and the poor have good news brought to them.

L: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

C: and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

L: Prepare the way of the Lord;

C: make straight the paths of the Lord.

L: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

C: so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Source: ELCA World Hunger "Action Guide for the Congregation: Advent 2019"

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

GREETING**ELW p. 98**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(verse 1)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE--HOPE CANDLE

Each Sunday in Advent we light candle to remember that light has shined to people who walked in darkness and gave them hope. Today we light peace and hope candles.

Youth: Let us pray. In the dark, do not fear. Always know that God is near. God is with you day and night, in the dark and in the light. Thank you, Mighty God for the gift of hope. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN “LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH”

(verse 2)

ELW #240



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie

down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (*The psalm will be chanted.*)

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**

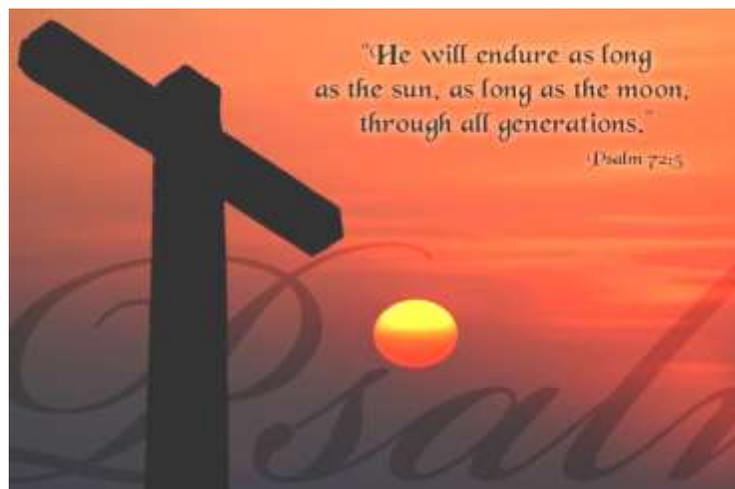
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall| be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.



(verse 1)

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.

To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment; that we see God's goodness revealed in every living thing, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, those suffering from malaria and HIV/AIDS, the sick and the bereaved. *We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Kris Sanders, Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Paul Nelson, and Ryse Stone.** We give thanks for healthcare workers and caregivers who embody Christ's love. We ask your strength and courage and blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Pray for love, comfort and resurrection hope for family and friends of Gene Paige,* let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For students who are preparing for finals. Support and reassure them that you are with them. Quiet their hearts in a stressful day and grant them moments to rest in your unconditional love, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ, that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

ELW p. 106

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Assembly may be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

CHOIR ANTHEM**“EVERY VALLEY”****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

C: Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**DIALOGUE**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION SONG “LAMB OF GOD”** Tune JEG ER SÅ GLAD

see ELW#271

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL”

ELW#250

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - c - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Assembly may remain seated.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: May God, who gathers us in love,

C: lead us in pathways of righteousness and justice.

P: May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,

C: lead us in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

P: May God, who fills us with good things,

C: lead us in pathways of equity and abundance.

P: The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon us and remain with us forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

ELW#254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - ciant mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow

Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Shirley Fox

Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth

Worship Assistant: Shirley Fox

Acolyte: Jared Runkle

Greeters: Chris and Angie Brinker

Donna Gullickson, Tim Gordon

Ushers: Jerry and Beth Martin

Jim Swain, Virgil Gordon

Cantor: Terry Hart

Communion Set-up: Beth Martin

Communion Assistant: Beth Martin and Denny Luke

Communion Ushers: Troy and Sheila Keene

Sound System: Troy Doubler and open

Elevator Operator: Anna Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

December 8th through December 15th, 2019

Today:	Worship Service - Second Sunday of Advent	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School - practice for the Christmas Program	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday:	Hymn Sing, Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday:	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Friendship Club – Potluck Luncheon and entertainment by Bobby Edler and John Waelti	12:00pm
Friday:	Lena Christmas Tour of Homes	4:30pm-7:00pm
Saturday:	Rehearsal for Christmas Program	9:00am-11:00am
	Lena Christmas Tour of Homes	10:00am-2:00pm
Next Sunday:	Worship Service- Third Sunday of Advent	9:30 am
	Christmas Program and Memorial Dedication	
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: December 1st - 57

Total Offering 12/01/2019 - \$2439.00 amount needed - \$2225.30

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.



Go and Cheer!

We, as the Good Shepherd family, will go and cheer our members! Here is upcoming schedule.

TODAY HCC Choral & Youth Holiday Concert @ Highland, 2pm

If you know upcoming games/meets/concerts/etc., please let the church office know.

Lena Area Church Cooperative

Please do not forget to drop off your cookies for Operation Good Fellow this Wednesday, December 11th. Please be sure and cross your name off the list and mark your packages with the number of cookies they contain.

Reminder: The Angel Tree gifts are due next Sunday. Please be sure and return your gift (s) to the church. The gifts will be taken right after the church service for distribution. Thank you for your generosity! Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd.

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Mark Your Calendar

Busy December is here! Here are upcoming activities and worship schedules at Good Shepherd:

Friday Dec. 13- Saturday Dec. 14 Lena Christmas Tour of Homes

Sunday Dec. 15 Children's Christmas Program/ Memorial dedication

Friday Dec. 20 December Birthday Party at LLC

Friday Dec. 20 Christmas Caroling to LLC

Friday Dec. 20-Saturday Dec. 21 Youth OWL Night

Tuesday Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve Service (5:00pm);

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:30pm)

Wednesday Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service—Carols Through the Ages (9:30am)

Sunday Dec. 29 Blue Christmas Service with blessing of the first responders (9:30am)

Advent Calendars and Devotion

Advent is a time of waiting. To help your Advent season, we have three resources for you.

Advent Calendar is a quick way to give you a surprise everyday.

Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers and reflections from Advent through Epiphany. This is good for young children's daily activities as well as devotion for adults.

Advent Devotion from ELCA World Hunger offers stories and scripture for each week to reflect God's works in our midst.

All resources are here for your spiritual growth. Take one home today.

Last day to order Poinsettia for Christmas services

Today is the last day to order poinsettias. Cost is \$12. Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. You may also use flower envelope in your pew. Thank you.

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ in memory of. ___ in honor of...

Name (s) _____
