

# ***LUTHERAN CHAPEL***

## *2nd Sunday of* **ADVENT**



**1 PETER 5:6-11 AND MATTHEW 3:1-12**

*"On John the Baptist"*

**HOLY COMMUNION  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses - \* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Arr. By Gilbert M. Martin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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 recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; you shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or (husband).**

**THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

*Mark 12:28-31*

**C: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

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.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47, pg. 138*

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29, pg. 139*

AM: Glory to God in the highest; and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**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.**

**WORD**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

*"Light a Candle in the Night"*

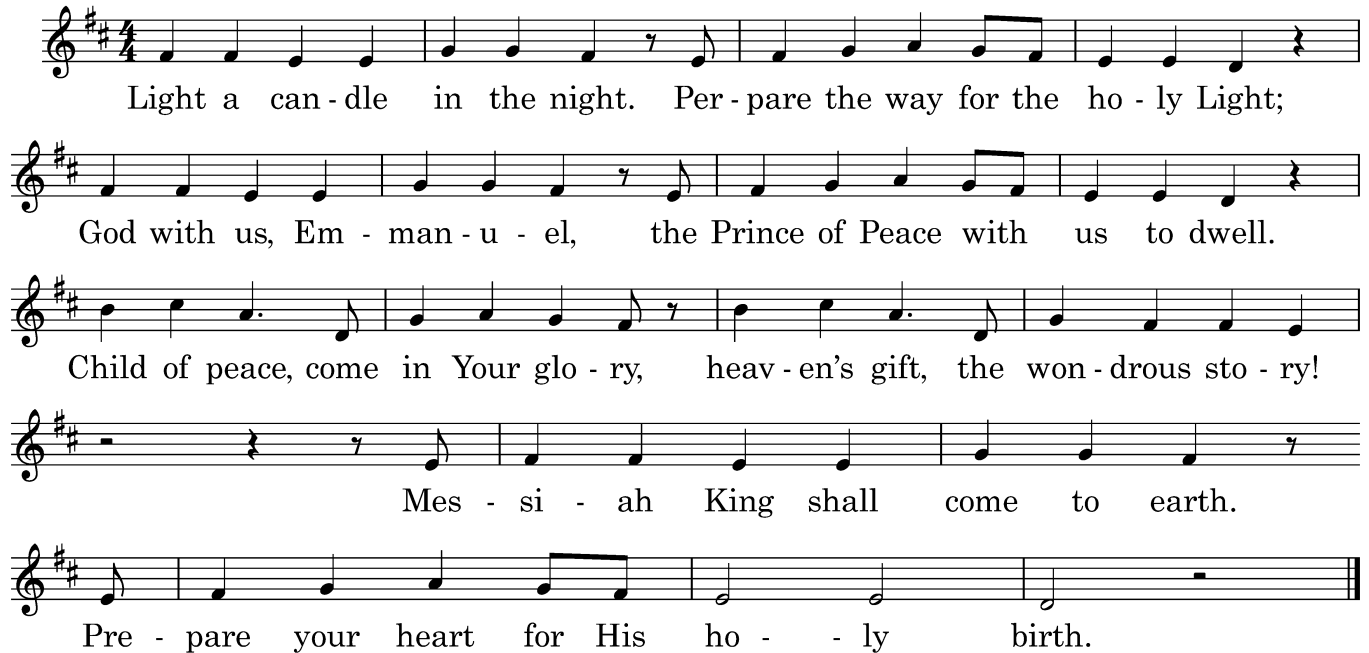
Readers: Lily Baker and Katelyn Baker

Lighter: Wesley Baker

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with Him is full redemption. (*Psalms 130:7*)

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth – the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (*Psalm 146:5-6*)



Light a can-dle in the night. Per-pare the way for the ho-ly Light;  
God with us, Em-man-u-el, the Prince of Peace with us to dwell.  
Child of peace, come in Your glo-ry, heav-en's gift, the won-drous sto-ry!  
Mes-si-ah King shall come to earth.  
Pre-pare your heart for His ho-ly birth.

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## MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.*

### FIRST LESSON

### ISAIAH 11:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- <sup>2</sup> The 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.
- <sup>3</sup> His 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,
- <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They 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.

<sup>10</sup> On 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: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 72:1-4, 19-26



1. Give the King thy / judgements · O / God, \*  
And thy righteousness / unto · the / **King's** / son.
2. Then shall he judge they people according / un-to / right, \*  
And de- / **fend** / **the** / poor.
3. I have made a covenant / with my / chosen; \*  
I have / sworn un · to / David · my / servant;
4. Thy seed will I / stablish · for / ever, \*  
and set up thy throne from one gener- / a-tion / to an- / other.
19. For the Lord is / our de- / fence; \*  
the Holy One of / Isra · el / is our / King.
20. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy / saints, and / saidst, \*  
I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one / cho-sen / out of · the / people.
21. I have found / David · my / servant; \*  
with my holy / oil have / I a- / nointed him.
22. My hand shall / hold him / fast, \*  
and my / arm shall / strength-en/ him.
23. The enemy shall not be able to / do him / violence; \*  
the son of / wick · ness / shall not / hurt him.
24. I will smite down his foes be- / fore his / face, \*  
and / **plague** / them that / hate him.
25. My truth also and my mercy / shall be / with him; \*  
and in my Name shall his / **horn** / be ex- / alted.
26. I will set his dominion also / in the / sea, \*  
and his / right hand / in the / floods.

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 PETER 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> **Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.** <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. The memory verse is in bold.

*Creation: Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : +**Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

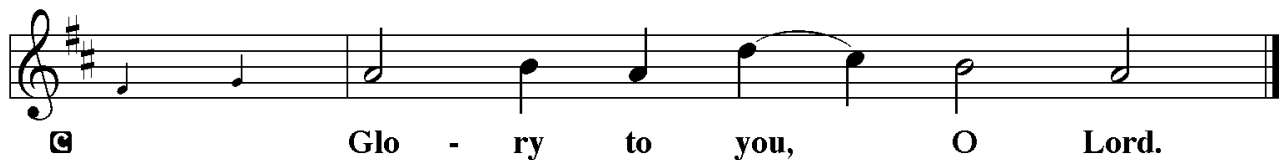
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

### \*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

Response after the announcement:



<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

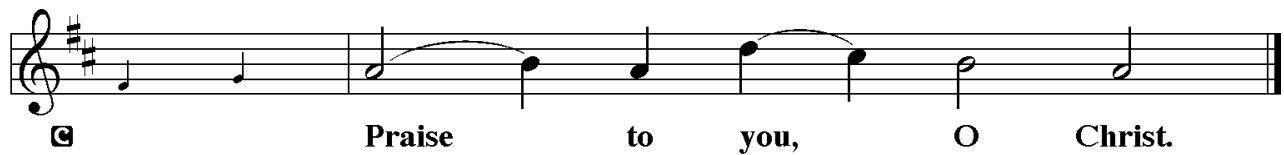
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do 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. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His 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.



## MESSAGE

*“On John the Baptist”*

Deliver Us From Evil

Story of John the Baptist - A Warning for Us

***The Law*** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Decorations, presents, and parties seem to trump the spiritual preparations for Christ's second coming.

***The Gospel*** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Preparing the way for Christ, John the Baptist tells the truth, calls all to change, suffers for the truth, and testifies to the end.

***So What?***: Love God, love neighbor, serve and do His will – repeat – until Heaven above! Remember the martyrs and the cost of telling the truth in a world that prefers lies.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Wake Awake for Night Is Flying”*

ELW #436

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Celtic Advent Carol"*

Michael Barrett

### \*OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalms 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(In Unison)*

**C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

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.**

### \*PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 pg. 144*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.



**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

**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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

*John 1:29, pg. 146*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**\*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

1 Come now, O God, when our love is for-sak - en.  
 2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
 3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.

Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
 Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
 Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.

Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
 Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
 Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.

Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

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Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*SONG OF SIMEON**

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**    *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

**ELW #435**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“The King Shall Come”*

David Johnson



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibschi
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Lector.....	Todd Carpenter
Crucifer.....	Will Clark
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Mark Thornburg
Council Members of the Month.....	Rob Andrews and Jason Sanders

# Upcoming EVENTS

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE:** This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Meets **Tuesday, December 9th** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**BESSEMER CITY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party on **Friday, December 12** at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to help or attend. The angel tree gifts need to be returned **today, December 7**, in a shopping bag with the angel tag attached. Thank you for being a part of our outreach for the Boys and Girls Club!

**CHRISTMAS BANQUET:** The Christmas Banquet will be held on **Saturday, December 13** at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$18.00 each. Be sure to get yours today from Steve Clark, Rick Peak, Terry Ratchford or Charles Edwards. Door prize donations are appreciated! Sponsored by the men of the church.

**SANTA LUNCH:** The Christian Ed, Youth & Family and Worship & Music committees would like to invite everyone to stay for a Santa Lunch and birthday celebration for Jesus immediately following the **December 14** Cantata Worship Service. We will have a yummy lunch, birthday cake and even a very special guest! We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join your Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

**STAFF GIFT:** Traditionally we present our dedicated Church Staff with a monetary “thank you” gift during the holiday season. If you feel so inclined to participate, you can drop your gift in the offering plate, mail it, drop it by the Church office or give it to one of the Executive Council members Jenny Williamson, Rob Andrews, Gene Weaver, Jason Sanders or Debra Hoffman. Please note “Staff Gift” with your contribution. The cut-off for contributions is **Sunday, December 14** to allow for presentation to staff on Sunday, December 21. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we honor and remember our staff members who work so diligently to serve Christ and our congregation.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER:** Our December Love Offering is the ARC of Gaston County. The ARC is a non-profit organization committed to securing various opportunities for people with Developmental Disabilities. Through the ARC, clients are enabled to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play throughout Gaston County. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.



# Weekly CALENDAR



<b>Sunday, December 7</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship with coffee
	9:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday, December 8</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Rebecca Circle (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	6:00 pm	Basketball Pickup (Gym)
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday, December 11</b>	8:30 am	Preschool
<b>Friday, December 12</b>	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	<b>Boys and Girls Club (Fellowship Hall)</b>
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>	9:00 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Banquet (Family Life Center)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>	8:30 am	Fellowship with coffee
	9:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship - <b>Cantata</b> (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	<b>Santa Lunch (Family Life Center)</b>
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	4:00-6:00 pm	Life In Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)



**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1,55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 50 December 7 to December 14, 2025**

12/07 Morning Reading: 2 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 5, 6, 7  
12/08 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10  
12/09 Morning Reading: Jude—Evening Reading: Daniel 11, 12  
12/10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4  
12/11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8  
12/12 Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11  
12/13 Morning Reading: Revelation 4—Evening Reading: Hosea 12, 13, 14  
12/14 Morning Reading: Revelation 5—Evening Reading: Joel

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Ann Behringer, Margaret Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, Delana Clark, Ruby Cook, Baker Hampton, Jason Lineberger, Ann Lowe, **Janie Peak**, and Fred Ward.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, **Carol Coutant**, Tucker Doyne, Aishia Duncan, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner and Kennedy Williams.

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)*

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:**

**Wednesday, December 10 ~ Holden Evening Prayer**

Psalm 94 "*O Judge of the World*"

**Thursday, December 11 ~ Bible Study**

1 Peter 5:6-11 "*On John the Baptist*"

**Sunday, December 14 ~ Ante Communion**

1 John 4:16-21 and Matthew 1:18-25

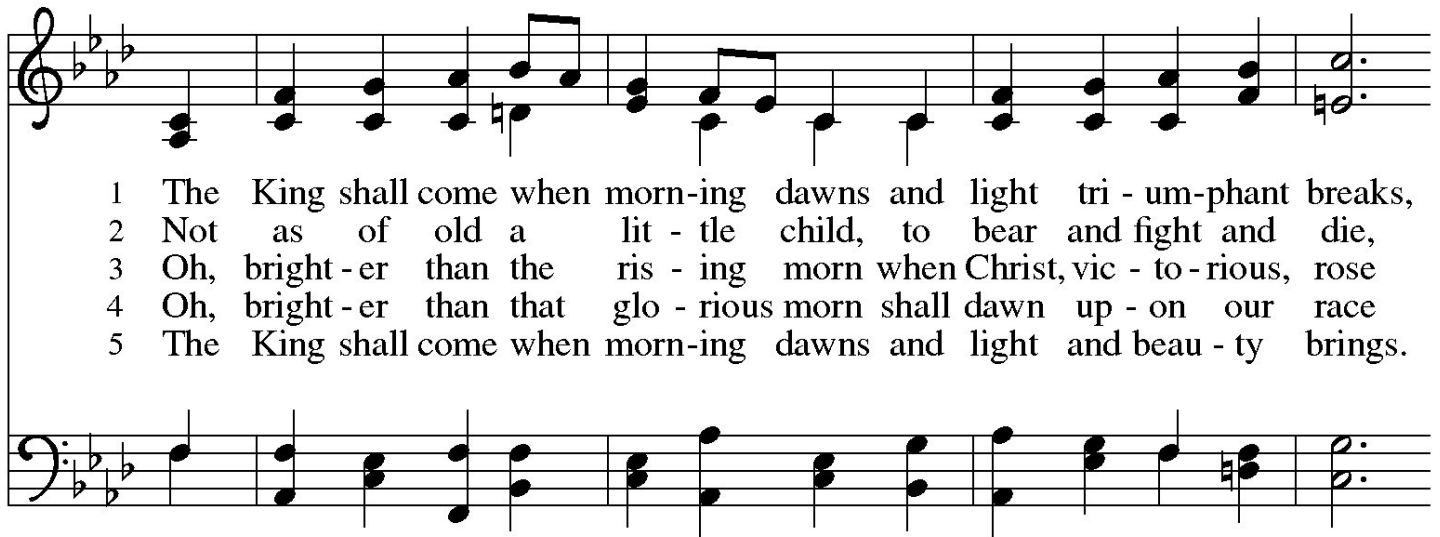
# ADVENT

Christ Will Come Again

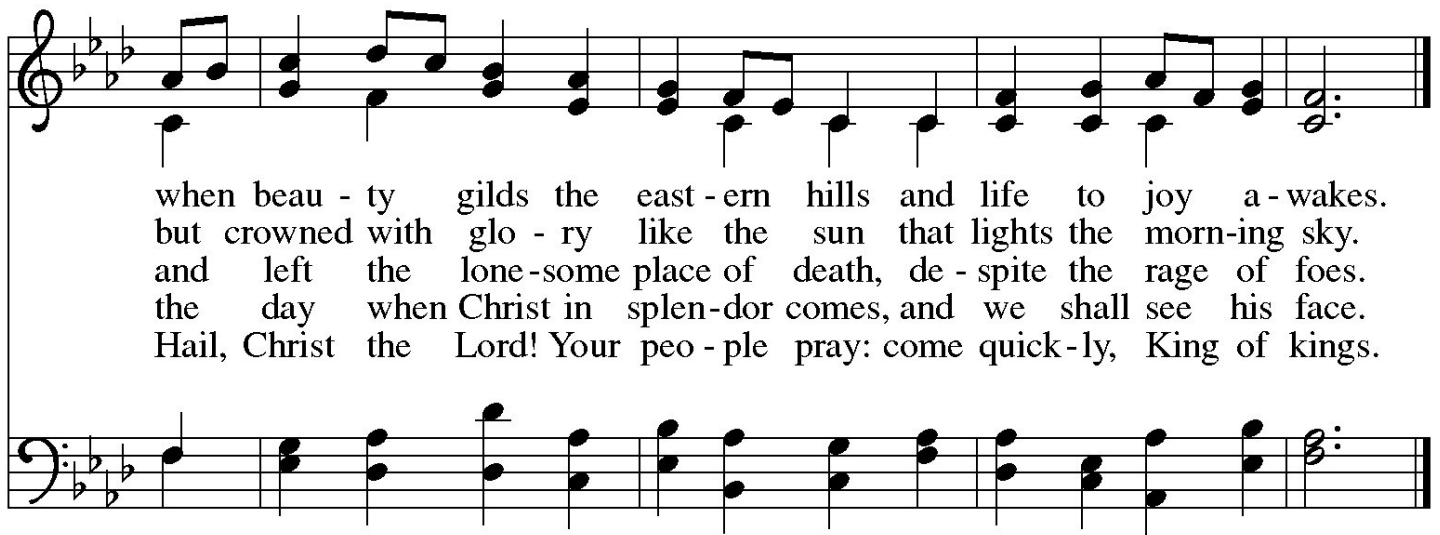




# The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

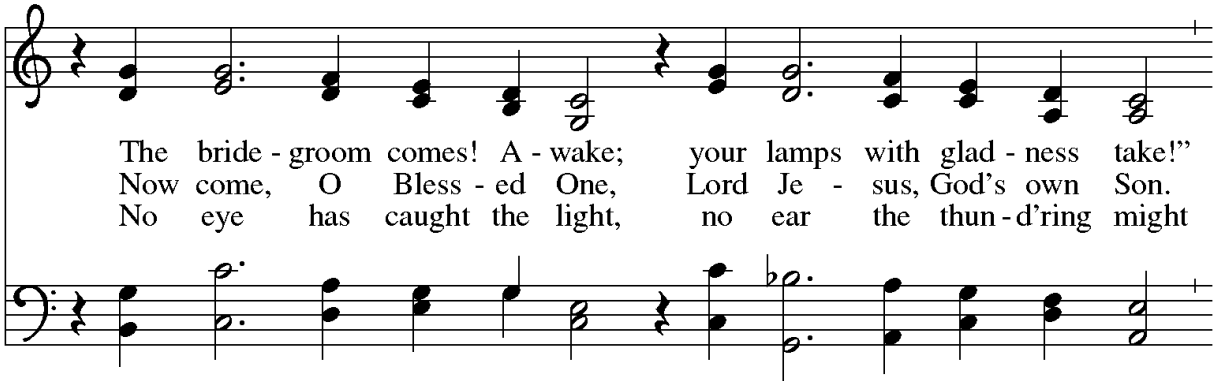
on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

(continued)



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite  
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai  
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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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 - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

(continued)

join to sing the glad re - frain:  
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

The image displays a musical score for a piece titled "Alleluia" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The score is written for a vocal line (soprano or alto) and a basso continuo line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a treble clef and the basso continuo line with a bass clef. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia," are repeated three times, corresponding to the vocal line. The basso continuo line provides a harmonic accompaniment, featuring various chords and melodic lines. The score is presented in a clear, legible format, suitable for a music book or a digital score display.

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799