

December 3/4, 2016

2nd Sunday in Advent

Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elders are praying for you. As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, “The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!”
Habakkuk 2:20

(Please check your cell phones and beepers to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Please get in touch with our Pastor for the next available new member class.

THE LORD’S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and the Lord’s Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member is involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ and of the Gospel to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKEND

Order of Service: Divine Service I with Communion

Hymns: 344, 357, 627, 629, 642, 359

Liturgist: Pastor Dan Domke

Theme: The Day the Lord’s Return

Text: Malachi 4:5

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Domke

Lector: 7:00 p.m. — Dave Moser

8:00 a.m. — Neal Cruse

10:30 a.m. — Kerwin Haeder

Children’s Sermon next Sunday at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. I Cor. 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all their sins and who trust His words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (I Cor. 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (I Cor. 10:15-18) any who are **not yet instructed in this faith, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor in his office prior to the service.** Visitors who have previously spoken with the Pastor, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

PARISH PRAYERS

- ◇ **Remember those serving in our military and their families, especially those being deployed with the 153rd Engineer Battalion: Drew Borkowski, Kenneth Busch Jr., Justin Frank, Ben Machtemes, and Don Zavesky.** Please give the church office names of any other members of the congregation who are serving in the armed forces.
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, James Kleinlein, Audrey Davis, Roger Kropuenske, Bennie Boetel, and Gladys Dick.**
- ◇ **Hospital Visitation** Please let us know when you are going to or are in the hospital. —Pastor Domke
- ◇ Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastor.

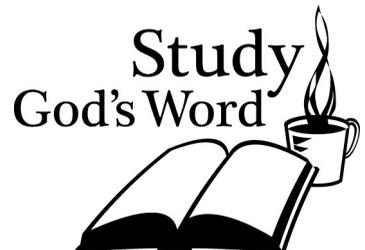
◇ **THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS WEEK**

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt
Acolyte:	Isabella Shreeve	Regan Hamilton	Emily Dale
Communion Assistants:	Dave Moser	Dareld Schley	Kyle Porisch
	Chuck Gascoigne	Chuck Kranz	Kerwin Haeder

THIS IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Populus Zion) which means, "People of Zion "

During Luther's Day he would have been very familiar with these Latin terms which were used in worship before, during and after the Reformation.

Adult Bible Class: This week we pick up our study at 2 Corinthians 10:5. We have concluded the discussion last week about the truth being rooted in the gospel and in Christ Himself. Today we pick up the discussion on verse 5. And we will quickly move from the discussion about spiritual warfare to Paul again defending his apostleship which had been under violent attack. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. this Sunday



Sunday School Notes:

Students in Sunday school and Kids 4 Christ explore the story "God Forgives David." Just as God accepted and forgave King David and other great saints who committed grave sins, so He accepts and forgives us, all for the sake of Christ. Parents could ask, "Who reminds you of your sins? Who tells you about forgiveness?"

"I HAVE
SINNED
AGAINST THE
LORD"

2 SAMUEL 12:13



Main Street-Living - Kid's Crossing: December 4, 2016-Rev Luke Edwards of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rapid City, tells us about "Divine Divestment" based on Matthew 3: 1-12. Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry; and The Advent of Our King are the hymns led by the Main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired and is broadcast each Sunday on KDLT-NBC, Sioux Falls, at 10 a.m. Central time. The first 30 minutes of the Main Street Living hour is Kid's Crossing, a children's program. This week, Kid's Crossing joins the Little Shepherd and his lamb Bramble as they journey to the manger to see the baby Jesus.



Practice for Children's Christmas Program will be held on **Sunday, December 4**, and Sunday, December 11 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Christian Activity Center, and final rehearsal during Sunday school hour on Sunday, December 18.

Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Activity Center with a barbecue supper following. Each Sunday school family is asked to bring cookies or bars to share.

Attention All Parents of College Students!!

The Board of Youth would like to send a little care package to the college students of our congregation for finals week. So we are in need of your help. **The name and address of your college students are needed today, December 4.** Finals, for most, will be in the first two weeks of December. Please help us send some Advent Joy and Christmas Blessings to our kids.



College Student Name: _____

College Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Please complete and put in the mailbox by the church office.

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Thanksgiving: 176 Divine Worship: 240 Sunday School: 37

Weekly Budgeted	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,011		Not Available	at this time	
Mission \$1,698		Not Available	at this time	
Building \$ 576		Not Available	at this time	

Romans 15:5 “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that – how can we not be thankful?



Offering Options The Board of Stewardship would like to make the congregation aware that they can give their offerings online if they so choose. First of all we should look at what scripture says. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Everyone should give what they have decided to give in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". We give offerings out of joyful thanksgiving for the gifts that God has given to us. As new tools become available, it is okay if we wish to use them as long as we are careful to remember the reason we are giving. What we have found is, the simplest way for you to give online, should you choose to do so, is through the bill pay services offered by your bank.

Here are some guidelines:

1. Set the church up as biller in your bill pay account.
2. Put your offering envelope number as the account number.
3. You can designate the fund where you want the money to go (general, missions, building, preschool) in the memo line.
4. Schedule either a one time or recurring transfer.
5. Verify that the payment cleared your account.

We realize this is not a fit for everyone, and are not suggesting that people need to adopt this method of giving. We are just merely letting people know it is a tool available which may be helpful to them. It also could be used to send your offering to church on a week when you are not able to be there. However, we would caution against thinking that the church just wants your money. The Lord looks for hearts set apart for Him alone.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ, the Board of Stewardship.



Campbell's Labels for Education program extended You may have noticed that the Labels for Education are no longer on the soup cans. The program is being phased out due to lack of participation. We will continue to collect the soup labels until the end of the school year. Mt. Calvary Preschool thanks you and Campbell's for their continued support of our school.

Greeting Cards There is a new shipment of greeting cards and napkins in the rack by the Activities Center door and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. A nice selection of Christmas, sympathy, birthday, anniversary and others are available. You may purchase cards by the box (\$6.00 per box) or individually (\$1.00 per card). Please put the money for the cards in the black box on the top of the rack by the Activities Center. If you need help finding some cards, contact Susan Kinsley or any LWML member. The proceeds from the sale of the cards goes to support LWML mission projects.



Christmas Poinsettias Donations are now being received for poinsettias to decorate our altar and chancel area in celebration of Jesus' birth. Please give your donation to Nancy Ziegeldorf or put it in an envelope marked "Poinsettia Fund" and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please let Nancy know or write it on your "Poinsettia Fund" envelope. Checks may be made payable to LWML. Thank you.

Christmas Day Worship:

The Board of Elders, given the requests and input from members of the congregation, has decided to have **one service on Christmas Day**, which falls on a Sunday. The service will be at 9:30 a.m. There will not be any Sunday School for Children or Adults.



Meals on Wheels December 27-30 it's our turn so have your coats, boots, and gloves ready. This is a wonderful way to show our love and concern for those in need during the season of Christmas. And this is school vacation, so a great opportunity for the youth to pair up with an adult volunteer. It takes approximately one hour each day. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Remember, you may sign up for a meal to eat at the Senior Center or take the meal home with you. If you have questions, call Melanie Kludt 599-2219 or 350-4842 or email mel41k@yahoo.com

Salvation Army could use the following: 5 oz. cans of tuna or chicken, cans of chunky soups, cans of chicken noodle soup, cans of plain tomato soup, cans of vegetable soup, cans of beef stew, cans of vegetable soup, hot chocolate mixes in packets, peanut butter (16 oz. or larger), instant oatmeal in packets, and pop tarts. Anything non-perishable is appreciated but these items are especially needed at this time. Thank you for your help.



Preschool is looking for volunteers to help while Hannah, the preschool teacher, is on maternity leave. We have a teacher already so we need aides for the classroom. Probably January-March. Pre-K is Monday-Thursday 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Preschool is Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call Mandy 605-353-5555 if you are interested in volunteering.



Advent - The Symbol and Meaning of the Candles

There are five candles which are used to count down to Christmas from the first Sunday in Advent. The first two candles are blue in the tradition we are following at Mt. Calvary. The third is pink, the fourth is blue again, and the fifth candle is known as the Christ Candle and is lit on Christmas Eve. The Christ Candle is not to be confused with the large candle by the baptism font which is known as the paschal candle or in English the lamb's candle. The paschal candle is used primarily to note when Christ was physically walking on earth for 40 days after His bodily resurrection.

The **first blue** candle is known as the Hope candle or the Prophets Candle who proclaimed the hope of Israel in the coming of the Promised Messiah. This candle is to be lit on the first Sunday of Advent.

The **second blue** candle is known as the Faith Candle or the Bethlehem candle. It reminds us that Mary and Joseph's Journey ended in Bethlehem where Christ was born. This candle is to be lit on the second Sunday of Advent.

The one and **only pink** candle is known as the Joy Candle or the Shepherd's candle. It reminds us of the joy experienced at the fulfilment of God's promise that the Messiah was going to come. Now Jesus the Messiah has come and He was king and Savior at His birth. This candle is to be lit on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then the **last blue** candle known as the **Peace** candle or as the Angel's candle is the final candle to be lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. It is known as the peace candle or angel's candle because of the song they sang of peace on earth between God and man because now the messiah had come to take away our sin. This candle is to be lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	School Board Meeting	Boardroom
	1:00 p.m.	Practice for Children's Christmas Program	Activities Center
Monday		Pastor Domke's day off	
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Preschool
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Christmas Supper	Hangar Restaurant
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Sylvia Struck Memorial Service	Good Samaritan Center, Miller
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids 4 Christ	
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Supper	Fellowship Hall
	6:45 p.m.	Advent Hymn Sing	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Thursday		Shut In Visits	
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
Friday		Shut In Visits	
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Vespers Service	Sanctuary

