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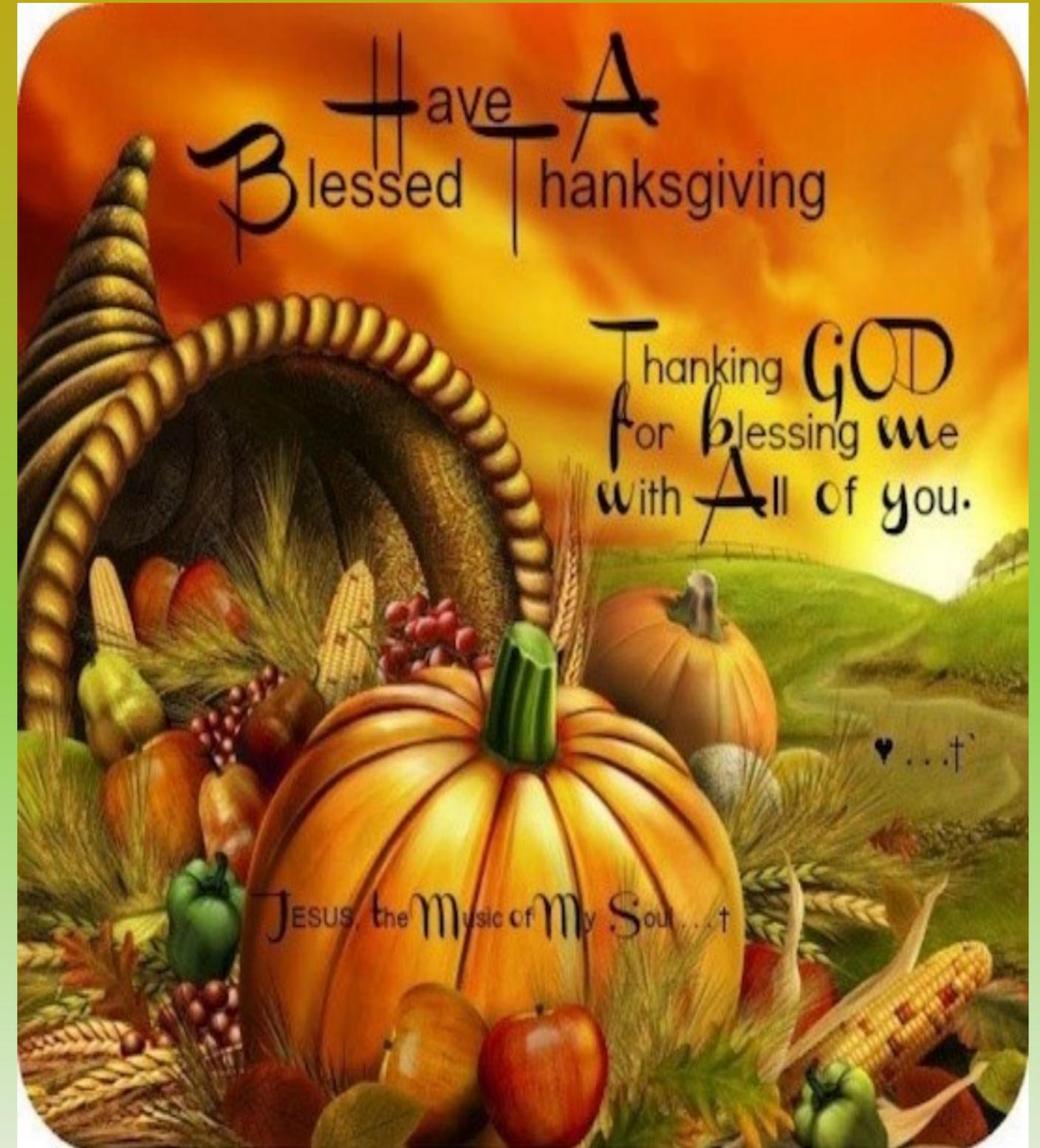
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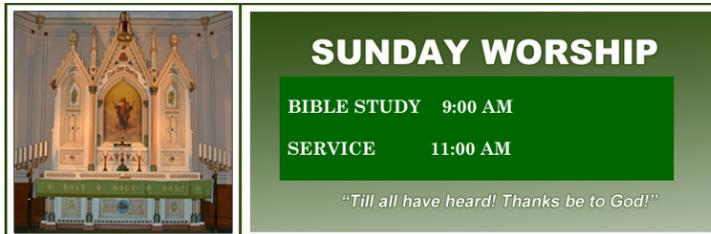
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## REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

**Sunday -** 9:00 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

### Monday-

*Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM*

### Wednesday

6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

### Thursday

6:30 PM-Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Suspended)

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## WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

## Contact Us

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

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WORSHIP  
with us!**



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## ADVENT

“Behold, your king is coming to you.” (Matthew 21:5)

Like the season of Lent, Advent affords the penitent a time of preparation for celebrating the fulfillment of the Father’s plan of salvation in the incarnation of His Son, Jesus. Though Advent is not as “deep” as the preparatory season of Lent, the Church does exercise some restraint in the Divine Service during Advent.

- In keeping with the tone of repentance, the Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis (the angel’s proclamation at the birth of Christ) is omitted from the Divine Service, even on the Sundays in Advent.
- Responses appointed for Advent may replace the general responses.
- Depending on local custom, the organ playing may be restrained before and after the service.
- In many places, flowers are not used at the altar.
- Christmas hymns and carols are not sung until Christmas Eve.

## PARAMENTS

The traditional color of Advent, and that which still best fits the historic pericopes of Advent, is violet/purple, which is both the color of repentance and the royal color of the coming King—the two main themes of the One-Year series. When possible, the paraments used in Advent should be different from those used in Lent, as the symbols used to express the character of the seasons are quite different. The only symbol common to both is the Agnus Dei, the Lamb of God.

Since the adoption of Vatican II reforms of the liturgy by much of the Western Church, the use of blue as the color of Advent has been adopted as well by many Lutheran congregations. There is a historic tradition of Advent blue among the Swedish Lutheran churches. Blue suggests the color of anticipation and hope, a theme that is seen in the readings of the Three-Year series. A congregation should be attentive to the use of the paraments that carry the theme of the lectionary being used.

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is an arrangement of four candles, originally used in home devotions to count the weeks of Advent and symbolize the approach of the Coming One. The traditional Advent wreath featured white candles, but the custom of using seasonally colored candles has become common. If the church’s Advent paraments are blue, four blue candles should be used. If the paraments are violet/purple, then three violet/purple candles should be used, with a rose candle included as part of the set. The rose candle is placed in the Advent wreath at the three o’clock position, and the candles are then lit from week to week starting with the violet candle in the nine o’clock position. The rose candle is lit on Gaudete (“Rejoice”), the Third Sunday in Advent in the historic lectionary. With its colored candles, the Advent wreath is better displayed in the nave than in the chancel.

“The use of the ‘Christ Candle’ . . . is definitely to be discouraged. First, it should be discouraged because it is an importation of the idea of the paschal candle; second, because the Advent wreath belongs to the season preparatory for Christmas, and on the festival of our Savior’s birth the wreath should be removed from the chancel or nave.”\* Removal of the Advent wreath for the services of Christmas allows the two seasons to be well-defined and distinct.



**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

**THE VETERAN**

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us the freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

*May God bless our veterans, and may they feel the love of a grateful nation.*

THANK YOU Veterans  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

11/11  
**VETERANS DAY**  
Honoring All Who Served

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Norma Jean Null**

Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of **Norma Jean Null**, who was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 6, 2022. We commend her family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life

*In Loving Memory*

*Join Us Sunday Morning*  
at 11:00 A.M.

for  
**SERVICE & WORSHIP**

**Bible Study**

9:00 AM

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DECEMBER 2022 DEADLINE

[Articles Due](#) **Friday, 18th**  
[Send Date](#) **Monday, 28th**

**Newsletter**

**MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER**

Worship Committee	Meeting—Sunday
Church Council	8th at 6:00 pm
Voter’s Meeting	13th (Sunday after Service) / Budget

**UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2022 SERVICES**

November 6th- Communion (All Saints Day).  
 November 13th-Non-Communion (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost).  
 November 20th-Communion (Last Sunday of the Church Year).  
 November 27th-Non-Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent).

November

Sunday Services

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**NOVEMBER 2022**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS**  
Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> All Saints Day Turn clocks back 1 hr. C / White	<b>7</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>8</b> CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM	<b>9</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Voter's Meeting after the Morning Service-Budget NC / Green	<b>14</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Last Sunday of the Church Year C / Green	<b>21</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM THANKSGIVING EVE	<b>24</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 1st Sunday in Advent NC / Blue	<b>28</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 Eve. Advent Service Adult Choir after the evening service USHERS Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp			
		<b>LAY READER</b> Amy Stambaugh		<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Lois Stambaugh		

Of course Jesus spoke these words just after He had entered through the gate on Palm Sunday. He was in Jerusalem moving ever closer to Calvary, where sun and moon would be darkened, and the powers of heaven shaken as the sinless Son of God endures all that our sin deserved- God's wrath and death itself. You see, Judgment Day really does begin on Good Friday, for it is there that Jesus is judged with our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous! Indeed the generation that Jesus spoke to would not pass away until these things had taken place. The time of God's visitation was upon them. They would see the Son of Man scorned and blasphemed. They would see Him handed over to wicked men, sentenced and spit upon, beaten, and bloody. They would see Him suffering and dying. They would hear Him cry out in His dying breath, "It is finished." God is finished with sin in Jesus for Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world in His own body, pinned to a Roman cross. With His blood, He drains away the pollutant of your unbelief.

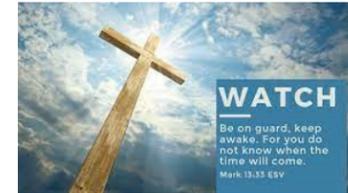
It is this Jesus who will come again to judge the living and the dead. The last days are not out there in the future somewhere. You are in them now. The church has been living in the last days ever since Good Friday. To live in the last days is to live on the threshold between time and eternity. How close we are, we do not know. Life can and is deceptive. It is easy to think that life just meanders on, that the comfortable routines that we have established for ourselves will continue uninterrupted. We can so easily be lulled into the fleshly security of the man in Jesus' parable who surveyed his filled to overflowing barns and concluded that his soul could be at rest for he had laid up for himself a bounty of wealth that would supply his needs for years to come. Jesus calls this man a fool, for the abundance of his riches blinded him to the fact that his soul would be required of him that very night.

You see, the things by which we evaluate our lives are transient and deceptive. Wealth and health are not permanent. There is a Judge who is standing at the door. He is not removed in some far distant realm of the future. He is near now even as one day—a day that is hidden from- He will come on clouds, and every eye will see Him and every tongue confess either in eternal joy or perpetual shame that He is Lord. Faith is not preoccupied with futile attempts to calculate the day or hour. Faith lives by the precious promises that Jesus makes right now. "Heaven and earth," Jesus says, "will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

That means that even though we always live as those who walk under the shadow of death, we can live in confidence and peace. The believer in Jesus Christ does not have to fret about the final judgment, living in uncertainty and fear. Why? Because you have already heard God's final verdict ahead of time. God let it slip out early. It is no longer a secret. It is called the absolution. God says, "I forgive you all your sin." It is as sure and certain here on earth as it is in heaven!

A Lutheran pastor of the last century once said that a Christian should go to the Lord's Supper as though he were going to his death. And that a Christian then may go to his death as though he were going to the Lord's Supper. When we go to the Lord's Supper, the Apostle Paul tells us, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. When we go to our death, then we will confess that Jesus' death for our sins is our confidence. His blood is our righteousness and the forgiveness of our sins, the promise of an open heaven. Werner Elert once said the "Day of Judgment . . . is just as close to us as the Judge is."

Faith rejoices to receive this Lord ever-near; unbelief is terrified. So again, Elert, "Some live in the light of the Last Day, others in its shadow." It is the office of preaching to proclaim that the One who comes at the End, is the Lord who came in the flesh to be our Brother and Savior that those broken by their sin might live not in the long shadows of the Last Day but in the brilliance of the light of the face of Christ Jesus our Lord.



ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTOR

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## The Last Sundays of the Church Year



What does the return of the Lord Jesus in judgment mean for me now  
in the face of all the real-life verdicts that I have to face?



Writing in 1952, Hermann Sasse stated, "In our day the Biblical doctrine of the Last Things has come alive for us as a gift given in the midst of what the church has had to endure. At the beginning of this century, a complacent church regarded the Last Things as an element of the first Christian proclamation which more or less belonged to that first period, a form of the Gospel which was for us only of historical interest. Or alternately, it was thought of as something that might be of significance for the future, at the end of our lives, or at the end of the world, something we needed to study only in preparation for such an end. That there is for the church no more vitally relevant doctrine than that of the Last Things was brought home to Christians by all they were called upon to endure."

In the over six decades since Sasse penned those words, eschatology has a major theme in both academic theology and popular spirituality, albeit the term is freighted with variegated definitions.

The last Sundays of the Church Year bring eschatology into focus with the lectionary's emphasis on death, the final judgment, and the promise of the new heaven and the new earth. These Sundays bring us to the conclusion of the Nicene Creed, "And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead." We've said those words so often, but what do they mean?

Truth be told, we are more concerned about the judgment that comes from other human beings. We fret about how others will evaluate us. Sometimes it has to do with lesser things like how we dress or the way our lawn looks. Other times it might be more profound worries like an employee who is anxious over an annual performance review or a student taking an entrance exam that may determine which academic paths are opened or closed to him. The stresses and strains of this life seem enough to keep us preoccupied with the here and now. The judgment which will come at the end seems distant and abstract, far removed from all the things that call the worth of our lives into question right now. So we may ask the question not with skepticism but with honesty, what does the return of the Lord Jesus in judgment mean for me now in the face of all the real-life verdicts that I have to face?

The answer to that question is found in God's Word appointed to be read in the churches on these last Sundays of the Church Year. These are the Sundays of the end times. They point us to the sober reality that life will not go on as usual. These gray and increasingly winter-like days of November bear all the signs of death. The dazzling red and gold leaves of autumn give way to brown and barren branches. So also in the Church Year, these November Sundays have the chill of death. The year hastens to a close and with it the reminder that our lives hasten on as well. The Scripture readings appointed for these Sundays are a wake-up call. Think of the readings from Mark 13. Jesus says learn from the fig tree. When it begins to blossom, you know that summer is at hand. Wake up to the reality that the Son of Man is at the gate.

Jesus speaks of cosmic signs. The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not share its beams. Stars tumble from the skies and the heavenly powers are shaken. Then the Son of Man comes on the clouds with power and great glory. He dispatches His holy angels to gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, and so they reap the elect from north and south, from east and west. None that belong to Jesus will be lost. That great cloud of witnesses will be complete; they will forever be with Jesus, the pioneer, and perfect of their faith. He endured the cross, triumphed over death by dying, and now He is seated at the Father's right hand. It is the Jesus who is near the gate, standing at the door.

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***If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.***

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

**Prayer for All Saints Day**  
**Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.**  
**I desire to join in their company,**  
**worshiping you forever in Heaven.**  
**Please help me follow their footsteps,**  
**and yours, Jesus Christ.**  
**Please help me to conform myself to Your image,**  
**seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.**  
**Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do,**  
**to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.**  
**Amen.**

**IN REMEMBRANCE WE HONOR THE LIFE AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD**  
**FOR THESE HIS DEPARTED SAINTS**

**DORIS J. RUGH**

Went to glory on April 26, 2022

**WILLARD N STARNER**

Went to glory on May 10, 2022

**NORMA JEAN NULL**

Went to glory on October 6 2022





**PRAYER**

Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted  
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
 Joyce Devan-Health issues  
 Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues  
 Kim Thompson-Health issues  
 Susan vanDyk-Baum  
 Ed Hanes (Nancy Hildebrand’s brother)-Health issues  
 Bruce Blankenstein-Wife’s Health issues  
 Jeanne Noll-Health issue  
 Ed Abendschoen-Health issues  
 Nancy Hildebrand-Health Issues  
 Benjamin-Grandson of Mary Homsher Health issues.  
 Karl vanDyk-Health issue  
 Ed Benedick-Health issue (friend of Ed Abendschoen)  
 Jon Van Sliedrecht-Health issue  
 Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues  
 David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen)  
 Karen Hildebrand-Health issues  
 Fran Shoff-Health issues  
 Tom Gibson-Health issues  
 Tammy Cahoon-Health issues  
 Lois Stambaugh-Health issues  
 The Christian Church in Northern Nigeria  
 Bonita Bollinger-Undergoing treatment for breast cancer

**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

Bonnie Abendschoen  
 Joyce Devan  
 Dawn Frey  
 Kim Thompson

**LEADERS**

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein , Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

For all of God’s Gifts  
 Lois Hollinger

**We remember in prayer those who are in need of God’s special presence in their lives due to special needs:**



- 3rd - David Myers, Jr.**
- 6th - Chase Abendschoen**
- 6th - Graham Abendschoen**
- 7th - Wayne Hildebrand III**
- 13th - Tyr Abendschoen**
- 14th - Carol Adair**
- 17th - Shirley Dennis**



**Early December Birthdays**

- 3rd - Karl vanDyk**
- 4th - Amy Williams**

**PRAYER LIST (cont.)**

**SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord  
 For our “action” committees/task forces  
 Our Community and Families



**MILITARY**

Sgt. Tyr Abendschoen U. S. Army



**POLICE**

Jonathan



**VICAR REPORT**

The fall semester of “Heaven on Earth “is moving quite rapidly as we now begin our seventh week of studies. Our most recent assignment was to write an essay on Lutheran worship, where it comes from, and how it is unique and yet tightly reflective of Scripture and the early church liturgy.

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework and we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 am. We both submitted our first required feedback on how things are working out for us in these roles of mentor and mentee.

P. Banach from Redeemer contacted me last week to state that the church was interested in having mid-week Advent services after all, and they were open to collaborating with us. I respectfully informed him that we decided to go solo as St. John and Good shepherd had decided to have limited if any, mid-week services.

We will be using the Advent series “This is My Son” from CPH at both congregations.

Norma Null’s funeral was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Bill and Ken for helping to coordinate the service and all who attended to support her family.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Vicar Geoff Abendschoen



**ADVENT WORSHIP - Sunday Mornings**

Come and worship with us and hear about the coming of the promised Messiah on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M.

November 27th

December 4th

December 11th

December 18th (Lessons and Carols).



**ADVENT WORSHIP - Wednesday Evenings**

Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs fellowship room. Then join in a special series of sermons for Advent at 7:00 P.M.

November 30th

December 7th

December 14th



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**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

There will be an opportunity to worship the "New Born Baby" on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Eve**

Saturday, December 24, 8:00 P.M.



**Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25

Sunday Service-Time may change



**GERMAN CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 18th, 4:00 P.M.

Light refreshments with a German theme will follow the service.





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**FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU.  
 ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.



I was glad when they said...Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122:1

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## Music & Worship Notes



The beginning of this November is filled with remembrance and celebration. We remember the members of our congregation who have been called home to heaven and received their crown of glory on November 6. We will be singing the hymn, "For All the Saints". This is a communion Sunday. It is also the end of daylight savings time for the year. We get an extra hour of sleep as we set our time pieces back one hour.

November 6 is also the day of the "Colors of Fall" concert at 4:00 in the afternoon. This year the White Rose Chorus, a Barbershop men's group will be with us as well as a young man, Sam Waltermeyer, will be providing some piano music. Refreshments will be served after the concert. That will also provide time to talk with the artists.

Thanksgiving comes at the end of the month. We have a lot to be thankful for when we consider the blessings the Lord has given us. So, celebrate the day as Thanksgiving but be thankful every day, as the hymn states: "Now Thank We All Our God."

**Ken Sanders,  
MINISTER OF MUSIC**



**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,  
Dave Stambaugh, George Card,  
Beverly Card, Ding Wang,  
Zihong (Andy) Su.**



## "THIS IS MY SON" - Mid-Week Worship

A Pastor once said, whenever I meet with a couple for premarriage counseling, I share this quote: "Every disappointment involves unmet expectations." Then we talk about what expectations for marriage are realistic or unrealistic. I also let them know that their spouse will inevitably let them down— sometimes multiple times a day!

Marriage is not the only source of disappointment and unmet expectations. Every human relationship will deal with these issues. Have you been happy with every decision an elected official has made, even one for whom you voted? Does your boss ever let you down? Have your employees always done their job well? Do your friends always come through for you? Do your children always make good and wise decisions based on what you have taught them?

Human beings will disappoint by failing to meet expectations. No wonder the psalmist tells us in Psalm 146:3-4, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish."

Parents have hopes and expectations for their children. Sometimes these are healthy expectations. Other times parents place unfair or unrealistic expectations on their children. This upcoming Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers.

In the first week, we will be introduced to Cain, the son of Adam. No doubt Adam had higher hopes for Cain than for him to be known as the first murderer in history. But his murder of his brother reveals the murder lurking in all of our hearts.

In the second week, we will be introduced to Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Though it was not his fault, Ishmael was a disappointment to Abraham because he was not the child of the promise. Abraham's efforts to take things into his own hands highlight our own tendency to do the same in our relationship with God.

In the third week, we will be introduced to Absalom, the son of David. This rebellious son broke David's heart and exposes the rebellion we display against our heavenly Father.

But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son. This Son is the true Son of Adam. He is the true Son of Abraham. He is the true Son of David. He is the Son who never disappointed His Father. He is the Son who never did any wrong. He is the Son of whom the Father spoke: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). This true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, is also the Son of God, the very Son of God now living in our flesh and blood. This Son is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, who fulfills the hope of salvation "that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). He is the One whom the psalmist spoke of in Psalm 146:5: "Blessed is he, whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God."

During this series, entitled This Is My Son, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

