

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 277                      **Communion:** 148  
**Bible Study:** 64 (38, 7, 10, 9)      **Youth Study:** 12

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Mission Presentation
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Mission Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Cindy’s Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	6:30 p.m.	School Board
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Band
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Mid Week Advent Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	7:30 a.m.	Mid Week Advent Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Basketball at home vs. Kiel
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement



**Mission Speaker and Dinner** On Sunday Missionary Dan Sargent will be our guest pastor. After worship he will give a presentation on our WELS mission work in Zambia. After the presentation there will be a meal in the church basement served by the Ladies Aid. Please join us!

**His Word—My Life Bible Study** will continue the study *The Ideal Congregation In the Light of Holy Scripture*. The week we look at “The Ideal Congregation has a High Regard for the Public Ministry.” Join us Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at church or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy’s Café.

**Tuesday Bible Study** continues its study of The Smalcald Articles. This week we will look at “The Powers of the Church.”

**Youth Group Bible Study** will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the school basement. Open gym will follow.

**Midweek Advent Worship** will begin next Thursday, December 7. This year’s theme is “Lead Us To Your Light, Lord.” Worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each Thursday. Soup Suppers will be held each Thursday after the morning service and at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

**Soup Supper** If you would like to make soup, bars, or help serve the soup suppers at noon or at 6:30 p.m. during Advent, please sign up on the sheet in the basement or talk with Paula Ott.

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** Next week we will study “*Simeon and Anna*.” We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**Worship In The Gym** When we worship in the gym in January and February we will need help setting up for worship and taking things down after worship. There will be sign up sheets in the basement for those who can help set up before worship. We are also looking for an enclosed trailer that we can use to store some of the items we will use in worship.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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**Today’s Organist:** Beverly Leiterman

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
 December 3, 2006**

**Peace Through Jesus  
 Know it. Live it. Share it.**

**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, you are beyond my understanding. Help me rejoice in what I do understand; you love me and have taken away my sins. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Service of the Word (p. 26)

**Hymns**

*Light One Candle* (choir)  
 2, 570, 21:3,4

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 25 (p. 74)

**Prayer of the Day**

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Special Music** Sunday School

*Ring the Bells* (after Prayer of the Day)

**Sermon:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Jesus Keeps His Church Going**

Through his own power  
 Through his own people

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – Series C

*The Lord is coming.*

## First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

"In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness."

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25 (page 74)

## Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

## Advent Alleluia

Choir: *refrain*

Cong.: *refrain*

Choir: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Cong.: *refrain*

## Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

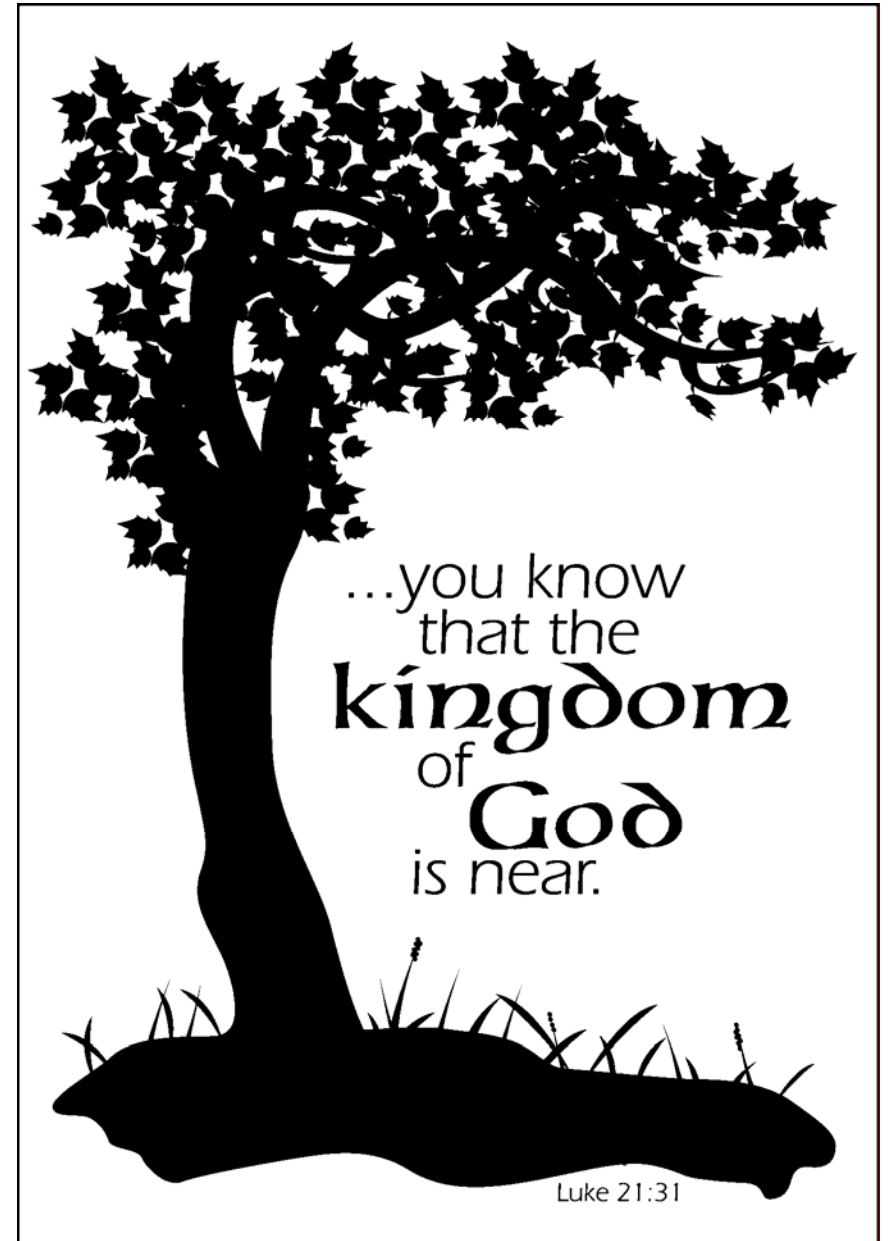
He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

"I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

## Sermon: Ephesians 1:15-23

"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."



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*Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel*