

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: 327 (25, 302) **Bible Study:** 216 (5, 3, 42, 140, 8, 10, 9) **Youth Study:** 19

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	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
	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, church basement
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	6:30 p.m.	Band at Parkview
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Mid Week Advent Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	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. Howard’s Grove
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	9:00 a.m.	Bread for Life Bible Study, school
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



Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

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 Is Faithful in Worship and Bible Study.” 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 “*The Flight into Egypt*.” We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Bread For Life Bible Class will meet Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the school basement. After class we will make Shepherd’s Pie. Please bring a 9x13 pan. If you are planning to cook with us please let Paula Ott (864-2348) know by Wednesday so she can pick up enough ingredients.

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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**2nd Sunday in Advent
December 10, 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

Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation
for Holy Communion**

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Hymns

Light One Candle (choir)
16, 310, 11:3,4

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24 (p. 73)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

Lift Up Your Heads
choir (after prayer of the day)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Stephanie Beyer (offering)

Sermon: Philippians 1:9-11

Pray For Proper Preparations
Love abounding in knowledge
Knowledge discerning the best

2nd Sunday in Advent – Series C

The Lord is coming. Prepare the way before him.

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 24 (page 73)

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

Advent Alleluia

Choir: *refrain*

Cong.: *refrain*

Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Cong.: *refrain*

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar-- when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene-- during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

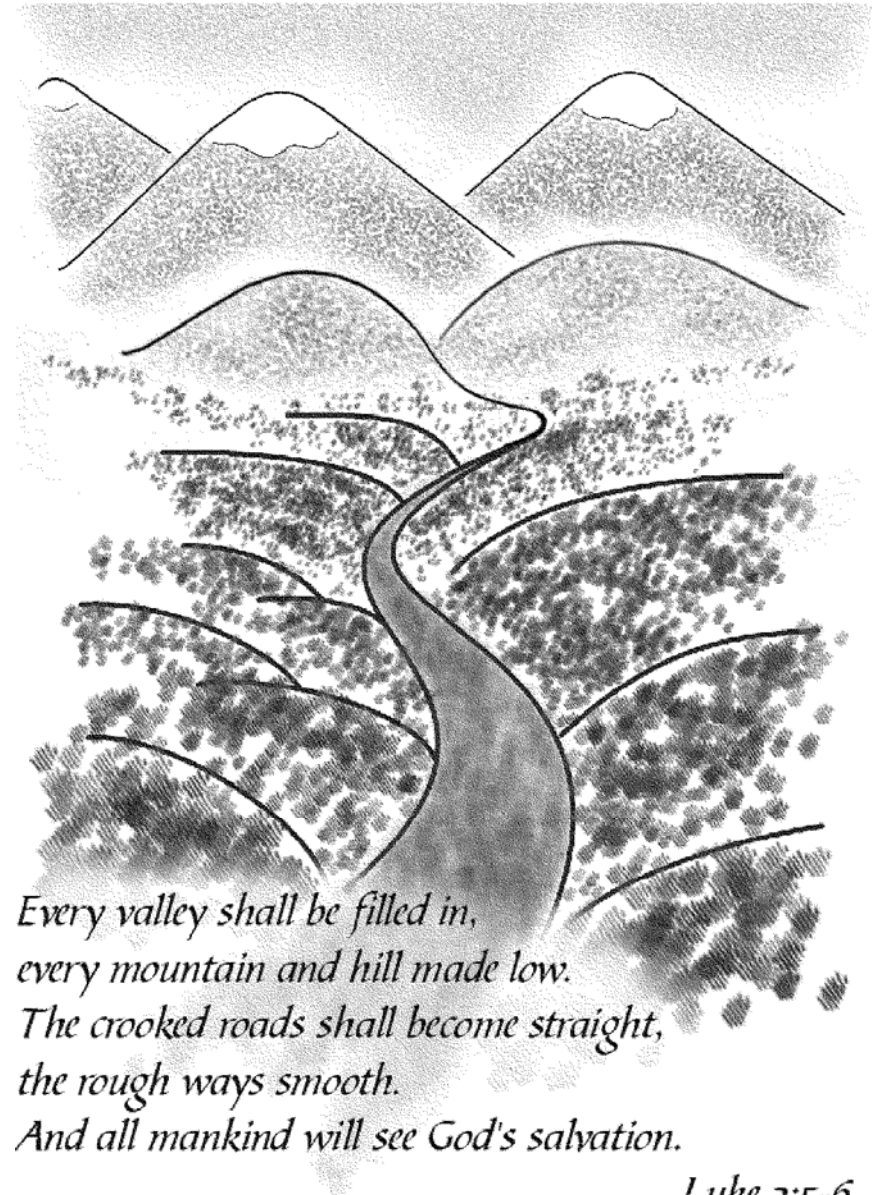
"A voice of one calling in the desert, "

Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

And all mankind will see God's salvation."



*Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God's salvation.*

Luke 3:5-6

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