

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



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

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

**Worship:** 279                      **Midweek Advent:** 188 (119, 69)  
**Bible Study:** 69 (5, 7, 38, 9, 10)      **Youth Study:** 17

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Festival Worship with Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

**Baptism** This morning Ella Iris Denor, the daughter of Jamie and Janel Denor, will be baptized into the Christian faith. Ella was born on Nov.23, 2006. Please remember this new child of God and her family in prayer.

**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.

**Children's Christmas Program** *Sing with Saints and Angels* is the theme of the Children's Christmas program. Please join us this evening at 7:00 p.m. if you were unable to worship with us on Friday.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** This evening at 11:00 p.m. we will gather to worship the Christchild. The theme of our worship is *Here in the Dark*. Please join us.

**Christmas Festival Worship** On Monday at 9:00 a.m. we will celebrate one of the major festivals of the church year, The Festival of the Nativity of our Lord. Worship will include the Lord's Supper as part of our festival worship.

**His Word—My Life Bible Study** will not meet until January 7.

**Sunday School** will not meet until January 7.

**Youth Group** will not meet again until January 8.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will not meet again until January 9.

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** Next week we will study "*The Temptation of Jesus.*" We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Worship** Next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. we will have a special worship service to mark the end of the year. Worship will include communion. Please join us!

**New Year's Day Worship** On Monday, January 1 we will worship the Lord to mark the beginning of the new year as well as celebrating the minor festival, The Naming of Jesus. Worship will include the Lord's Supper. Please join us!

**Pictorial Directory** We will have a new church directory done March 1, 2, and 3, 2007. We are looking for 5 or 6 volunteers to help recruit callers, hosts, and also lay out the new directory. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Pastor Ott today. There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 2 at 4:00 p.m.

**Soup Supper** Thank you to everyone who made food, served food, or ate food at our soup suppers during Advent this year.

**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 are sign up sheets in the basement for those who can help set up before worship. We are also looking for help moving things out of church on Monday, January 1 after worship and at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the basement. Thank you for all your help.

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 December 24, 2006

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

**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, prepare me to celebrate your first coming to this world as you come to me today in Word and Sacrament. Keep me always watchful and ready for your second coming. Amen.*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Baptism (p. 12, insert, p. 29)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**

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**Hymns**

297, 23, 312, 274, 20:3

**Prayer of the Day**

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 85 (p. 97)

**Special Music:**

*O Du Frohliche* choir  
 (after prayer of the day)

**Sermon: Daniel 7:13,14**

**A Time For Sacrifice**

Our endless sacrifices fail to please  
 Jesus' sacrifice is once for all

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Series C

*The Lord is coming. Forgiveness and peace are ours.*

### First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

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### Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'" First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### Advent Alleluia

Choir: *refrain*

Cong.: *refrain*

Choir: I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Cong.: *refrain*

### Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their  
inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
even as he said to our fathers."



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