

Commons Bible Study will continue our study *Sing to the Lord: A Study of Lutheran Hymnody* next week. We will look at *Lutheran Hymnody during the Age of Opposition*. Join us Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Adult Christ Light Bible Class meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Next week we will look at *Quail and Manna*.

Midweek Advent Worship will focus on The Coming Christ:

Anointed to be a Prophet . Worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the evening service is at 7:00 p.m. not 7:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches meals will be held after the morning service and at 6:15 p.m.

Christmas for Kids is Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m. This event is open for children ages 3-8.

The Anniversary Committee is looking for members of the congregation that served in the military. If you know of a member that was in the military after 1955 and the years they served please give the information to Diane Suchomel or Mary Laabs by December 12. Thank you

Church Mailboxes and Offering Envelopes Please empty your mailbox or deliver the mail to someone unable to get to the basement. We will update the mailbox slots and insert new offering envelopes on Dec. 18. Your mailbox might move. Please place your envelopes in a safe place until Jan. 1, 2012.

Groups, committee's, organizations, please submit your year end reports highlighting what you group did during 2011 in by January 3. You can email them to pantzna@mzluth.org.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. . Restrooms are located in the basement.

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

2nd Sunday of Advent Supplemental Readings B

Dec. 4, 2011

Get Ready through Repentance

Service: Gathering Rite (handout) Service of the Word (p. 29)

Hymns: 16, 702, 20

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her

that her hard service has been completed,

that her sin has been paid for,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling:

"In the desert prepare

the way for the LORD;

make straight in the wilderness

a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up,

every mountain and hill made low;

the rough ground shall become level,

the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

and all mankind together will see it.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"
"All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 14 (p. 40 CWS)

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Verse of the Day: (sung by grades 7-8) Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way"—

"a voice of one calling in the desert,

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

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and

wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sermon: **Get Ready! The Lord of Glory is Coming** Isaiah 40:1-8

Listen to his Comfort

Prepare his Way

Believe his everlasting Word

Musical Offering: Stephanie Beyer

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 288 **Thanksgiving:** 281(76, 205) **Advent:** 181 (123, 58)

Bible Study: 93 (33, 27, 21, 5, 7) **Youth Study:** 17

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Band
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, church basement chapter 5
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Colossians Bible Study, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group, commons
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Sandwich meal, church basement
	5:00 p.m.	Bible History Class
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:15 p.m.	Soup Sandwich meal, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas for Kids
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Sing to the Lord study, commons
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement

The 150th Anniversary Committee needs a few photos of different organizations in the church to assist in completing the 150th Historical Booklet. If you are member of *Youth Group, Church Band, Choir, Sunday and Wednesday School, Ladies Aid*, or if you are on the *Anniversary Committee* please stay in your seat after church and we will begin taking photos immediately following the service.

Monday Bible Study looks at *Freedom from Human Regulations in Christ*, Colossians 2:6-23. We meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study will not meet again until January.

Gathering Rite

Second Sunday of Advent

Music chosen for the seasons of the church year has the capacity to set the tone for a particular celebration. This year during the Sundays of Advent we will use the Light a Candle in the Night as our Gathering Rite to set a tone of expectant preparation for Christ's coming.

The Choir sings verse 2 of Light a Candle in the Night

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Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt..

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed you guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will..

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

M: We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Two Advent candles are lit.

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Be Seated

Grades 7-8: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

The service continues with The Word section of the Service of the Word on page 40 of the hymnal.