

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"*



## **Advent Candle Ceremony - Luke 1:26-33 Angel/Love**

**Song** "Light One Candle"

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**      ***“Prepare the Royal Highway”***      Hymn 26 vs. 1,2,3

**Prayer of the Day** - Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Bible Lessons:** Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Psalm 24  
Philippians 4:1, 4-9

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 1:17-25

**Message** by Pastor Sabin

**Song of Praise** “Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

**Apostles’ Creed** - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace**

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

**Prayers of the People of God**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**“Lord Listen”** (to be sung before the prayers)

(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)

P: Lord, in your faithfulness,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Victory Celebration**

P: The Lord is with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)

**“Awesome God”**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer** - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Holy Communion

## Communion Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**Post-Communion Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song      "Come On, Ring Those Bells"**

## Sending

P: "Go in peace! Serve the Lord!"

**C: "Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love."**

## Postlude

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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## **COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

<b><u>December 21, 2025</u></b> <b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b>	<b><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u></b> <b><u>Tuesday, December 24, 2025</u></b> <b>4:00 PM Worship Service</b>	<b><u>December 28, 2025</u></b> <b><u>Lessons &amp; Carols</u></b> <b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b>
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## **December 21 - 28, 2025 Announcements**

### **TODAY, DECEMBER 21**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Fellowship Meal - Ham  
Spread & Egg Salad  
Sandwiches

### **DECEMBER 22 (Mon.)**

6:30 pm - Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Dartball (Makeup  
game)

### **DECEMBER 24 (Wed.)**

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve  
Service

### **DECEMBER 25 (Thurs.)**

Christmas Day - No Services



### **DECEMBER 28 (Sun.)**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Lessons & Carols  
Worship Service  
Birthday Sunday

#### **Welcome to all visitors!**

Thank you for worshipping  
with us today.

Please sign the guestbook  
in the entryway.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **Wednesday, December 24 -**
  - Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm
- ❖ **Sunday, December 28 -**
  - Lessons and Carols Worship Service at 9:30 am
- ❖ **Sunday, January 18, 2026 -**
  - Annual Meeting and Potluck after worship
- ❖ **Saturday, January 31, 2026 -**
  - Pizza Making & Sale



### **Pizza Making & Sale**

There are sign-up sheets on the back table to volunteer and to place your order. We're looking for help with set-up on Friday, January 30, and pizza assemble and clean-up on Saturday, January 31. The deadline for all orders is January 18, 2026.



### **Attention Committee Chairs**

All committee reports for the Annual Meeting need to be emailed to Denise in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025. Thank you!

**Birthday Sundays** are changing to the first Sunday of each month starting with January 2026.



### **SCRIP Cards**

Scrip gift cards are a great way to support our church as you shop for everyday needs like groceries, gas, dining and household items. You receive the full value of each gift card, and the church receives a bonus from the retailer. It's an easy way to turn your regular spending into ongoing support for our ministry and mission work throughout the year. See Carrie, Rita or Denise if you'd like to purchase scrip cards.



### **Prayer List**

Alice Mueller, Dave Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes,  
Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Dave Rohrer, Linda Ogi,  
Scott Wollenberg, Jen Erb, The Family of Sally Richter



### **Prayers for the Congregation**

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God.

### **3rd Week of December**

**Sunday:** Dawn Dingeldein, Jean Mueller, Rodney Hillsberg, Pastor Marcia Sabin, Pastor Mark Sabin, Allura LeRoy

**Monday:** Beck Pues, Debbie Hoberg, Jeff Anderson, Mackenzie Richards, Russell Kloes, Terry Conradt

**Tuesday:** Becky Wudtke, Dennis Fuerst, Jessica Riebe, Madalyn Sokolski, Ava Lorenz, Paul Zuiches, Emily Schley

**Wednesday:** Stacey Homan, Brooklyn Olson, Everly Homan, Steve Daniels, Airowyn LeRoy, Hoyt Doepker

**Thursday:** Doug Wilber, Jane Shulze, Levi Olson, Tina Jung, Wally Krueger, Denise Klemp, Cathy Thomas

**Friday:** Ben Wollenberg, Dylan Mueller, Joanne Johnson, Colton Anderson, Madeline Zuiches, Rebecca Duhm

**Saturday:** Scott Wollenberg, Ed Lorenz, Sean Klemp, Mason Dingeldein, Jacob Wetzel, Janessa Olson

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm**