

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
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**PRELUDE:** “” .....

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:** #354 “Arise, O Christian People”

**Arise, O Christian people!  
Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior,  
Who takes your sins away.  
To us by grace alone  
The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven  
To all the world is shown.**

**Prepare the way before Him;  
Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out what would offend Him,  
This great, this heav’nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way;  
The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing,  
His path all even lay.**

**The humble heart and lowly  
God raises up on high;  
Beneath His feet in terror  
The haughty soul shall lie.**

**The heart sincere and right,  
That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation  
It is the Lord's delight.**

**Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive  
You this blessed Advent-tide.  
From stall and manger low  
come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly  
And forth Your glory show.**

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## ***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Cong:** (Sung) **AMEN**

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Cong:** (sung) **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**Cong:** (sung) **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Pastor:** O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**Cong:** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong:** AMEN

*INTROIT:* (TLH #58) (Sung)

**To You I lift my spirit;  
My hope is in Your name  
Lord guide me by Your mercy;  
Let me not come to shame.  
Let me not be o'er taken  
When foes around me stand.  
Let none be e'er forsaken  
Who wait upon Your hand.**

**Lord, You are my salvation;  
Make me to know your ways.  
Lead me in truth and teach me;  
Direct me all my days.  
Give glory to the Father;  
All praise and majesty  
To Son and Holy Spirit, one God eternally.**

***KYRIE*** (sung)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***

**Pastor:** All glory be to God on High

**Cong:** (sung)

**All glory be to God on high,  
Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended.  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you

**Cong:** (sung) And with thy spirit

***COLLECT:*** (Congregation in unison)

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your  
protection we may be rescued from the threatening  
perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty**

**deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***CHILDREN'S SERMON***

***OLD TESTAMENT READING:*** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong:** Thanks be to God

***EPISTLE:*** Romans 13:11-14

**Cong: (Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

***GOSPEL:*** Matthew 24:36-44

**Cong: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

*The Gospel is read*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Cong: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

**Nicene Creed:**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us**

**men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***SERMON HYMN:***

**#353 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”**

**Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy  
when our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to an earnest, heartfelt prayer;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,  
cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.**

Godfrey Thring

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**SERMON:** “Living in Pre-Second Advent Times”  
Romans 13:11ff

**OFFERTORY:** (sung by Congregation)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit with-in me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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***PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER***

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

***PAX DOMINI***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**Cong. (sung) Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI***

**Cong: (sung)**

**O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

***HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:***

***HYMN #349 “Hark the Glad Sound”***

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev’ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris’ners to release,  
In Satan’s bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'ns eternal arches ring  
with Thy beloved name.**

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***HYMN* #628 “Your Table I Approach”**

**Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.**

**Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.**

**Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.**

**Oh, may I never fail to thank  
You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.**

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***BENEDICTION:***

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

**Cong: (sung) Amen, amen, amen.”**

***HYMN***

#334 (*Tune TLH 58*) “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

**O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart’s delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all  
That may please you best.**

**Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.**

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**POSTLUDE:** “ ”.....

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**MEMORIALS**

**General Fund**

In memory of my sister Jenny Pignataro  
from Geraldine Mandau and Rudy Mandau

**Prayer Chain**

PRAYER is an important part of the Christian Life. The prophet Jeremiah (29:12) writes for us – *“Then you will call upon Me come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.”* You are invited to call the prayer chain - Marla at (216) 289-4870 or Joanne at (440) 585-2312 with your special request or email Marla: [mmc484@att.net](mailto:mmc484@att.net) Also, if you wish a prayer in worship, call the Church at (216) 531-1156 . We will pray in the worship service for you. What a blessing God gives us to call upon Him in our very special need



## Calendar

TODAY 11/27	9:45	Worship w/communion
	11:00	Adult Bible Study
Monday 11/28		No School : Faculty In-service
Wednesday 11/30	10:00	Chapel (Grades K-4)
Friday 12/2	9:00	Put up tree & Decorate church
Saturday 12/3	9:00	Men's & Women's Breakfast
	10:00	Decorate trees

## Announcements

### Prayer requests:

- \* Birthdays this week: Linda Griffiths, Laura Gyorki, Tom Marsalis;
- \* Continued prayers for those that are sick or recovering: Don Weber, Dee Rindfleisch, Geraldine Mandau, Fred Pfizenmaier, Dorothy Neugebauer, Dale Griffiths, Mike Ulizza, Melissa Martin, J.D.White, Butch Luzier, The Vollman Family, Bob Vollman Jr., John Wittenmyer, Edna Witkowski;
- \* Our church, and school;
- \* Prayers for all shut-ins; those in therapy; those that are communing and those that are absent;
- \* Our President, Congress, Judges, Armed Services, Safety Forces and Country

**Life Thoughts:** Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4) – a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

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### **Serving Today**

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