



PREPARING
FOR THE COMING
OF THE KING

FROM
DARKNESS
TO
LIGHT

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT;
THOSE WHO DWELT IN A LAND OF DEEP DARKNESS,
ON THEM HAS LIGHT SHONE.

ISAIAH 9:2



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1 Advent – December 1, 2024

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Lighting of First Candle on Advent Wreath

P: John the Baptist had one central message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John prepared the way for Christ's first coming as an infant so long ago. Now we also have been called to prepare the way for Christ to come again. Our message is still the same: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

C: **Lord, as we light this Advent candle, ignite us in our mission to those of this world. We have been called to "prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Empower us by your Spirit to fulfill this mission in our lives. Jesus, help our lives to reflect the message of John the Baptist: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Amen.**

Justynn & Brittany Ruen family

Song "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LBW 25

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The holy and just God comes to us this Advent season. How shall we receive him? We are by nature sinful and unclean and have sinned against him by thought, word, and deed. We deserve nothing but punishment.

C: **O God, we greet your coming this Advent season with humble and penitent hearts. We confess to you all our sins and flee for refuge to your infinite mercy.**

P: God comes to us in grace. He has given his only begotten Son to die for us so that all our sins might be forgiven.

C: **O God, we greet your coming with believing hearts. Have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our**

sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace, we may come to eternal life.

P: God comes again right now to each one of us through his Word of grace. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but be its Savior." For Jesus' sake, God declares to each one of you: "Fear not, your sins are forgiven; go in peace".

C: Amen! Thanks be to God.

P & C: With the Holy Spirit's help and power. Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

John 1:1-8

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Acts 2:36-39

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Children's Sermon

Song "**Prepare the Royal Highway**"

LBW 26

Sermon Text: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

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Sermon "**From Darkness to Light**"

Give Thanks to God

Song "**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**"

GHF 84

Nicene Creed

Offering

Offertory

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

LBW 60

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We begin our Advent series **“Preparing for the Coming of the King.”** Please join us following the service with coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall.

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Nov 24 General Offering: \$2971.00 Attendance: 122

Greeters Dec 1—Doug & Susan Holter

Dec 8—Jim & Kathy Holter

Dec 15—Bill & Carey Hoffman

Ushers Dec 1 & 8—Tyson Dyk & Lucas Suits

Dec 15 & 22—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain

Available for Prayer Pastor Dave & Diane Gilbertz

Communion Servers Jim Holter, Donna Boysen, Scott Dingus

Coffee Cookie Servers

Dec 1—Sharon Rommen, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank

Dec 8—Brooklyn Severson, Jennifer Severson, Tara Severson

Dec 15—Cookies provided by SS families for program

Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Visitors are welcome to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for us, for the forgiveness of sins.

No Confirmation class or Christmas program practice today – break for Thanksgiving

Join us Monday, December 2 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room, for the **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew**. Each week, we'll watch a chapter of Matthew from *The Visual Bible*, then read it aloud and discuss it. To avoid conflict with the quilting group, we won't meet on the first Monday of the month. We realize that no one can make it to every meeting but come join us when you can. You might just discover a new love for the Bible, you didn't know you had.

Advent Bible Study *Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us* "The Marvel and Miracle of Advent" is hosted by the Martha Group. **We will be meeting on Mondays, Dec 2, 9 & 16 at 6:30 PM in the fireside fellowship.**

Bible presentation to our 3rd grade students will be Sunday, December 8th during the worship service.

Christmas Program Practice Schedule (10:45 AM-12:00 PM)

December 1 No Practice - Thanksgiving Break

**Please be studying lines to get them memorized*

December 8 Program Practice for Preschool through 6th Grades

**Make sure everyone is here for this last practice!*

December 15 Christmas Program during Sunday morning worship

**Be here by 9 AM go to SS room to get costumes on*

**Bring 1 dozen goodies to the kitchen by 9 AM*

The Angel Tree is up! *Thank you for helping give joy to a prisoner's kid this Christmas. It starts with a GIFT and leads to lives transformed through JESUS CHRIST.* Please choose a "ANGEL" on the tree and mark down on sheets which one you chose. The recommendation is that the gifts be around \$25. Return wrapped presents to the library by **Sunday, December 8th** so we can get them mailed to the children by Christmas. Try to put presents in **smallest box possible** to cut down on postage. If you would like to donate towards the cost of postage, **the December mission fund offering will be designated towards this project.** It will be taken on Sunday, December 8th or donations can be given one of the Angel Tree Committee members: Marla Tegethoff, Connie Kirsch or Brittany Ruen

Please join us once again for **Advent Worship services** at our senior facilities on Mondays in December at 2:15 PM. Each service will begin with a prayer, the singing of several Christmas carols, followed by the reading of three scriptures, a ten-minute (or less) message, and Holy Communion. Following each service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and cookies. (If you love to bake, maybe that's one way you can bless some of our shut-ins this Advent season.)

Please see the worship schedule below for times and locations.

Date:	Time:	Location:
December 9	2:15 PM	Avera Care Center
December 16	2:15 PM	Twilight Vista
December 23	2:15 PM	Avera Care Center

We continue to collect donated items you so generously give to the needy. We bring to so many places and everything is VERY appreciated. We are collecting winter clothes at this time as they don't have room to store a lot of things. **They are in need of good used towels, coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, shoes and boots.** Please put items in garbage bags and write on the outside of the bag what's inside if it's men's, women's, boys, girls, blankets, or misc. Devotional books are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at Gloria Kok or Shirley Johnson's garages. Please call ahead so we can be there when you stop. For questions on what to donate, call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388). Thanks again for all you donate to a worthy cause!

Prayer Praises and Concerns

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper in your prayers. Pray she would recover quickly from the ablation of a spot on her right lung on Nov. 27th. Pray for them & all their loved ones to know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding in her recovery. Pray God would eradicate all cancer from Mary Beth & keep her cancer free.
- Please keep Nancy & George Miller & their loved ones in your prayers. Doctors recently discovered an inoperable problem with blood vessels in Nancy's abdomen that greatly threaten her life expectancy. Please pray the Lord will bless each day Nancy has left, that she will be without pain, & able to the end to love & communicate with George & her family & friends. Pray for George & their family to know the Lord's comfort, love, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Pearl Feiock is home from the hospital again & the oral antibiotics seem to be clearing up her infection. Pray for her to be diligent in her breathing exercises and for God to protect her from pneumonia or other respiratory illnesses. Pray she would know God's close-abiding presence, comfort, and peace throughout.
- Praise God an adjustment in Joan Falor's medication has relieved her dizziness & helped restore her balance. She is doing well and spending time with her daughter, Barb, in Delmont.
- Praise God Randy Foxley's left knee replacement surgery went well on Nov. 14th. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon him in his recovery, throughout physical therapy, and throughout all his life. Pray Randy would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout his recovery.
- Please keep Jill DeWet in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless her in her final months of pregnancy with His protection, provision, & strength. Pray Jill, Jacques, & Maverick would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding & that this baby would be born healthy, strong, & full-term.
- Please keep Jim Vanderboom in your prayers as he recovers from a bad fall in which he broke 4 ribs. Praise God for Jim's continuing improvement & his increasing ability to be more active. Pray God would hasten Jim's

complete recovery, and that Jim & Sue would know the Lord's close-abiding presence, comfort, strength, and peace through it all.

- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson. He's lost 9 pounds in a short amount of time & his cancer markers are elevated. Pray God would stabilize his blood sugar levels, relieve the arthritic pain in his knee and the frequent pain in his stomach, & eradicate all cancer from Mike's body. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers as Floyd recovers from surgery on Oct. 27th to repair a broken left femur. He is holding up well under Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy. Pray for relief from pain & for the ability to sleep well. Pray both he & Karen would know the Lord's presence, walk in His love, and abide in His peace. He is in Room Number 17 at Avera Care Center in Platte.
- Please also pray for Karen Dimick's niece, Dana Hanson, who is hospitalized at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She has a tracheotomy and a breathing tube but is still unconscious. Pray, in Jesus's name, that He would awaken her from her coma, touch her with His healing hand, & restore her brain & any other part of her body that was affected. Pray for a miracle!
- Please pray for Dave's & Peggy's new daughter-in-law, Koni, that her application for a visa into the U.S. would be expedited so she could soon join John in the U.S. Pray John's apartment in Pierre would provide a comfortable temporary home for them and for an affordable house to come on the market soon. Thank God that John seems to like his job & enjoys the people he's working with. Please pray he would enjoy his job more with each passing day.
- Please keep Pr. Mike DeJager from 1st Reformed Church in your prayers. He had another stem cell procedure for his neck in hopes of reducing the abnormal measurements even further. Praise God the procedure went well. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon Mike in his recovery and that his neck would be greatly improved by this procedure.
- Please keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers as they search for a replacement for Pr. Dave Anderson. Pray God would make clear to the Call Committee exactly who they are to call, and that person would not only bless Calvary but would bless our entire community.