

Zion Lutheran Church



December 2nd, 2018
First Sunday in Advent



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www.zlcb.org

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

C Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*

steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*

who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
 who exult in your name | all the day*
 and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
 For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
 our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

[P] Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
 righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie

[C] Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

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.



Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Adult Choir (10:30am)

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,
as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Grace Ringers – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (8:00am)

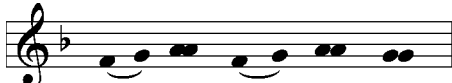
Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in your mercy.

C ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Son of God, Eternal Savior #842

Jesus Comes Today with Healing #620

O Lord, We Praise Thee #617

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

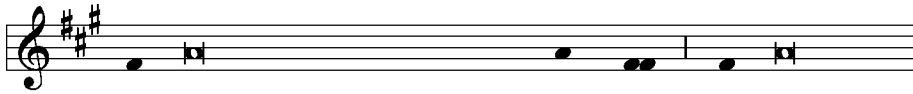


A Bless we the Lord.

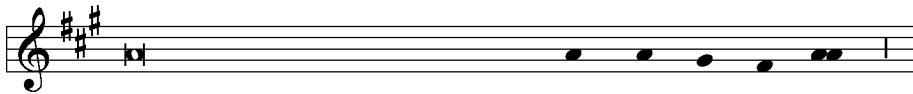


C Thanks be to God.

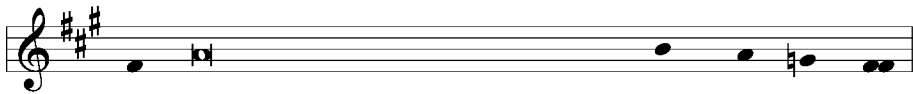
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, and Irene Bourg.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou Neill, Matt and Chris Back, Sara Jones, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Shannon Mance, Jim Eckels, Nancy Koester and Don Anesin.

- For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.
- For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

- For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- For our leaders and government officials.
- For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- For those whose work it is to protect us.
- For those affected by the recent hurricanes.
- For godly care of the earth.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/25) – 140

Midweek Worship Attendance (11/28) - 17

Sunday Offering (11/25) - \$5,133.00

Online Offering (11/19-11/23) - \$573.00

Thanksgiving Eve Offering (11/21) - \$528.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Bella Bonacci (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Ed & June Malachosky (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier & Lydia Grimenstein (8:00) Kari & John Gresh Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Sharon Bogden & Christine Chilcott

Acknowledgments

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December 2nd – December 9th

SUNDAY 12/2	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15 AM – Youth Group Soup Sale 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 12/3	7:00 PM – Preschool Christmas Program
TUESDAY 12/4	7:00 PM – Preschool Christmas Program
WEDNESDAY 12/5	6:00 PM – Advent Family Dinner 7:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 12/6	7:00 PM – Preschool Christmas Program
FRIDAY 12/7	
SATURDAY 12/8	
SUNDAY 12/9 Food Bank Collection	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Oma & Opa Kroeger in Celebration of Romy's 1st birthday and Casper's 3rd birthday and Andy Weldon in Memory of his Grandparents.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by The Lemonovich Family in Memory of Richard Wible.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please silence or turn off your cell phones during service.

ADVENT FAMILY DINNERS... join us during the midweek advent services for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you will be attending. These are great opportunities to have fellowship during the busy season of Christmas.

ANGEL TREE... There are still a few angels left on the Angel Tree. Please consider taking one of these so we can have all of these requests fulfilled.

HOMEMADE FINGER DESSERTS are needed for the Sunday School Christmas program on December 16th. Please use the sign up sheet located in the narthex. Desserts can be delivered to the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 15th between 10:00-11:30am OR Sunday, Dec. 16th during the Sunday School hour. Please label your special creations "FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL".

CHURCH DIRECTORY... It is not too late to be included in the Church Directory. Anyone who did not have their photo taken can submit a photo to secretary@zlc.org.

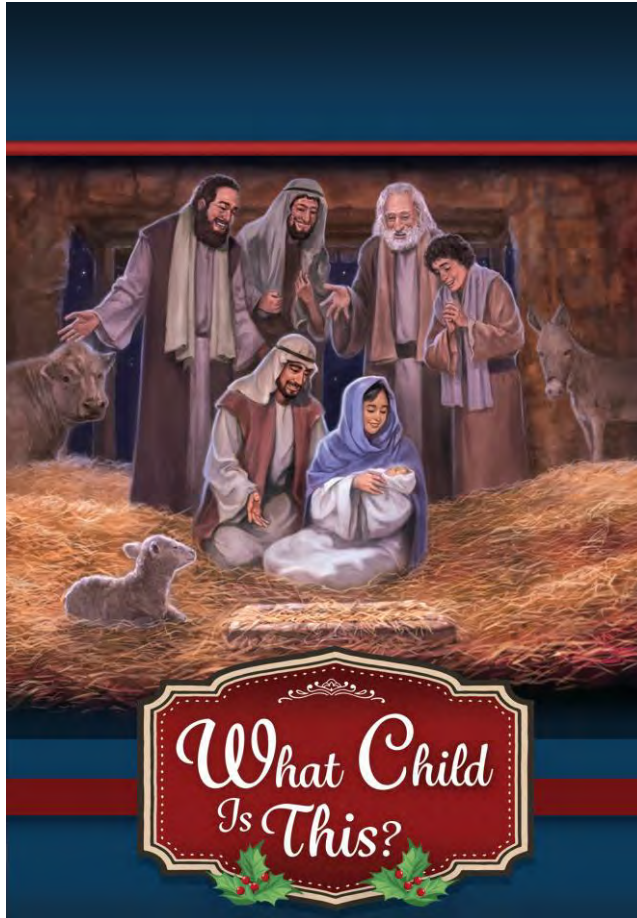
YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS... 100 Envelope Challenge and Soup Sale ... How can you help support our 5 kids going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2019?? They are running two fundraisers to help offset the cost of the trip. In the back corner of the church you will see a board FULL of envelopes. Each envelope has a number. Grab an envelope and put the amount of money that matches that number inside! On December 9th between services the youth will have soup samples for you to try and then they will take orders for 32oz containers of soup which will be delivered on Sunday Dec. 9th & 16th! For every \$1000 raised the youth will host an event for the congregation! They have hit \$1000 so they will be hosting a lunch for the church...details coming soon!

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery is located in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance)

Advent Services — What Child is This

Weekly Services Begin December 5th

*Join us for Midweek Advent Service and Dinner!
Dinner begins at 6:00pm followed by church service at 7:00.*



Youth Group Fundraiser!

Join us between services TODAY!

Soups On! The Youth is selling soup TODAY, December 2nd between services. You can sample the soups made by the youth and purchase 32oz containers. The soup will be delivered on Sunday December 9th & 16th. All funds are being used to help offset costs for the Youth Gathering this summer!



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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 16th

Luncheon tickets go on sale TODAY after service
and next week Dec. 9th





JOIN US
FOR CONCORDIA'S
SIXTH ANNUAL
LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 16

148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023
(Entrance #5, Haven II)

Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- *Featuring Concordia staff and residents*
- *Live animals*
- *Hot beverages and refreshments (indoors)*
- *Gift for children 12 and under*
- *Live Christmas music (indoors)*
- *Free admission*

This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8343 or visit www.concordialm.org.



The Annual Concordia of the South Hills
Holiday Shopping Event

Tuesday, December 4
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Retirement Living Common Area

Shop for everyone on your list!
Get something special for yourself!

Auction Baskets, Jewelry, Fashion Accessories,
Ornaments, Art Work and Holiday Decorations

Proceeds benefit the Concordia of the South Hills Caring Fund.

*For more information call 412-294-1306.
1300 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243*

Complimentary valet parking available

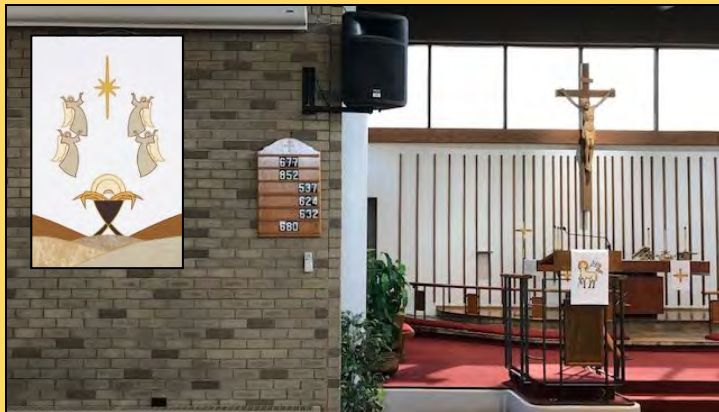


Banner Project



Sanctuary with new banners

A Banner Fund has been created to raise money for the purchase of new banners for the front walls of our sanctuary. These handcrafted banners will be designed to coordinate beautifully with the new altar/pulpit paraments that were purchased last year. We are hoping to purchase banners for our new green, white, blue & red parament sets. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please write “Banner Fund” on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you!



Sanctuary with new banners



THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Invites you to come and hear
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, rector of the
Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia

Saturday, January 5th
Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville
3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville PA

Noon: Champagne Luncheon & presentation
1:00pm: Epiphany Service of Prayer & Preaching
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, guest preacher

"AFTER 70 YEARS OF DEVASTATING ATHEISM AND 10 YEARS OF INFILTRATION OF ALL KINDS OF SECTS AND CULTS INTO RUSSIA, PEOPLE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE SHALLOW TALKER WHO IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE POP PSYCHOLOGIST. PEOPLE LONG FOR DEEP THEOLOGY AND FOR THE REAL SACRAMENTS . . . AS LUTHERANS WE KNOW THAT ONLY CONFESSIONAL LUTHERAN TEACHING CAN GIVE PEOPLE THE PURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SO THAT THEY COULD FIND REAL COMFORT IN THE TRUE GOSPEL.."

- REV. ALEXEI STRELTSOV



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.

