

Zion Lutheran Church



December 23rd, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Advent



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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 My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

**C My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.**

**There is none holy | like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.**

The barren has borne | seven,*

but she who has many children | is forlorn.
 The LORD kills and | brings to life;*
 he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.
 The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
 he brings low and | he exalts.
 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 My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
 and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading – Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Adult Choir (8:00am) – Advent Prayer

Children’s Choir (10:30am) – Still, Still, Still

Epistle – Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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,**



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

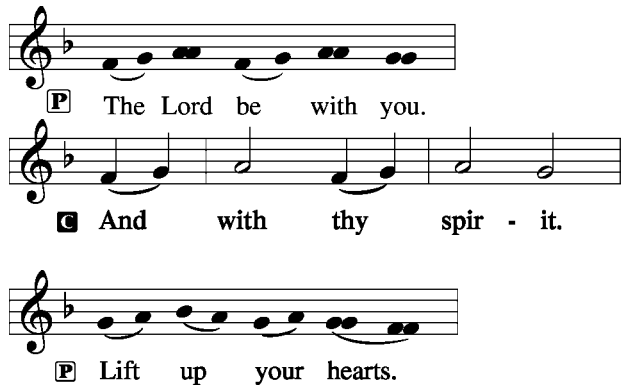
Prayer of the Church

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



C 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,



bles-s-ed is He, bles - 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

- C** 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



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



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ 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

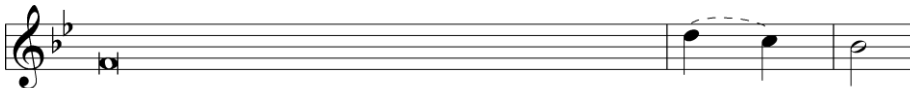
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Distribution Hymns

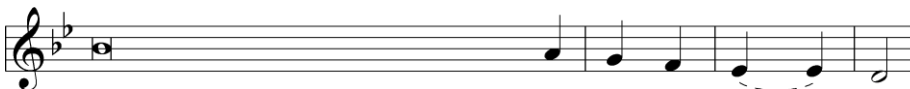
Take My Life and Let it Be	#783
What is This Bread	#629
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread	#625



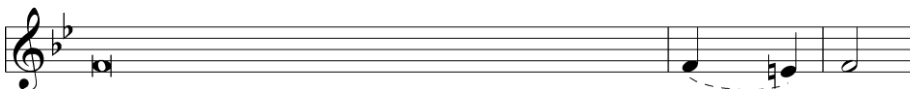
Te Deum



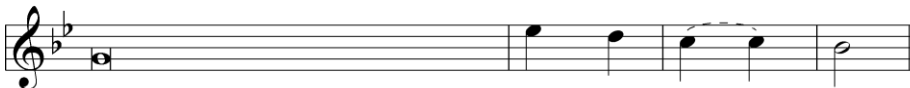
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



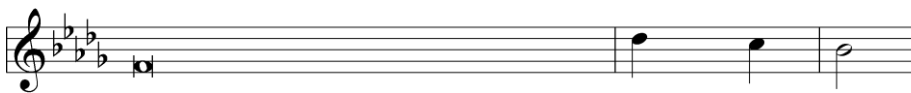
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



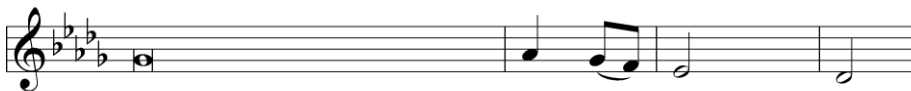
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



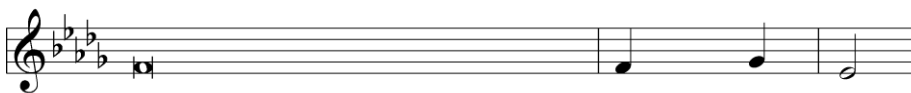
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



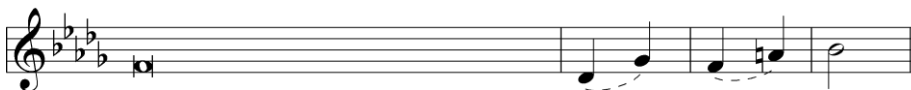
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



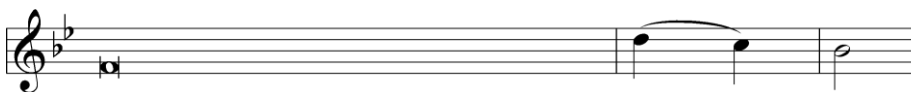
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



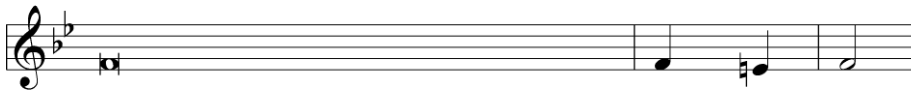
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



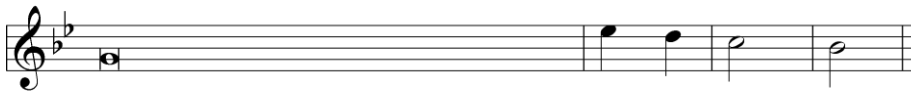
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.

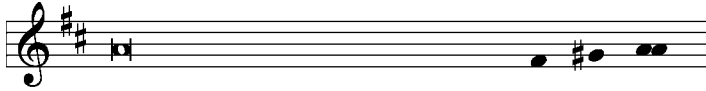


7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints

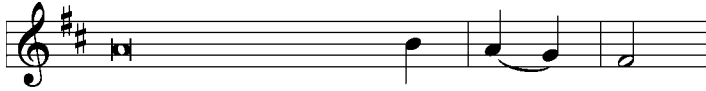


7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

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 spirit.

Benedicamus

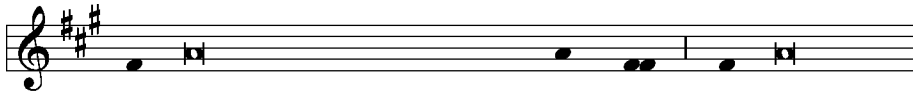


A Bless we the Lord.

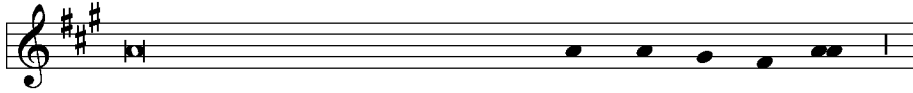


C Thanks be to God.

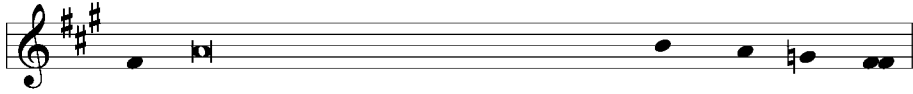
Benediction



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.

Closing Hymn - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

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

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Lillian DallaPiazza, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou Neill, Chris Back, Sara Jones, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Shannon Mance, Jim Eckels, Bill and 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 (12/16) – 179

Midweek Worship Attendance (12/19) - 67

Sunday Offering (12/16) - \$6,620.65

Online Offering (12/10-12/14) - \$846.45

Advent Service Offering - \$

~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:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	John Garrubba (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Jane & Mike Kozak (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:	Megan Meyer & Barb Oechslein

December 23rd – December 30th

SUNDAY 12/23	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 12/24	7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service
TUESDAY 12/25	10:00 AM – Christmas Day Service
WEDNESDAY 12/26	
THURSDAY 12/27	
FRIDAY 12/28	
SATURDAY 12/29	
SUNDAY 12/30	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:00 AM -Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 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 Paul & Theresa Hayes in Celebration of The Birth of our Lord & Savior and Kim & Tom Erbrecht in Celebration of The Birth of Christ and Jeremy & Michael's 9th Birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judy Dames in Memory of Loved ones.

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES...Are available at the back of the church. Please pick up your offering envelopes this Sunday. Any questions please contact Nancy Klemash.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE music will begin at 6:00pm (1 hour before service) on Christmas Eve. Join us early to enjoy the musical talents of Zion's members.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS... Join us at 9:00am on Sunday, December 30th for a pancake breakfast fundraiser. The youth group will be preparing breakfast that morning for you all to enjoy! So make sure you come hungry and ready to eat!!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY... Calling all Youth!! On Friday January 4th to Saturday January 5th we will be having a Youth Group Lock-in. Join us for a fun evening!!

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)



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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YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Pancake Fundraiser Dec. 30th @ 9:00am. Join us between services for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. All monies earned will go towards the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer!!



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Youth Group Lock in. All youth are invited to attend this event. Friday January 4th to Saturday January 5th.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

