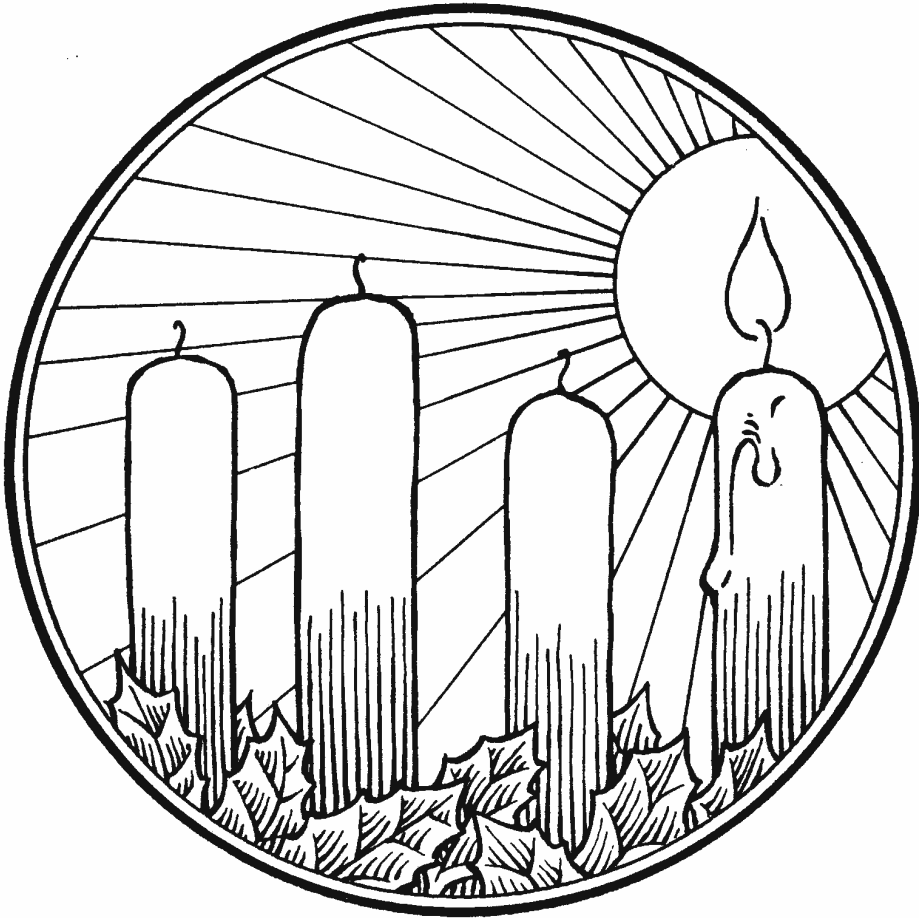


Advent Midweek I Vespers

3 December A+D 2025



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Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Psalm *Psalm 24 antiphon: v. 7 (KJV) (insert)*

Sit

Office Hymn: 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

First Lesson

James 5:7–10

Dearly Beloved: Be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take, as an example of suffering and patience, the prophets, who spoke in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response

A O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 3:1–6

At that time: John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.’ ” Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

Response

A O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

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Lord’s Prayer LSB 957 (insert)

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Hymn to Depart: 351 Creator of the Stars of Night

Looking Forward to Sunday (Populus Zion: Advent II)

Lessons: Song of Solomon 2:8b-14, Romans 15:4-13, Luke 21:25-33

Hymns: 334-514-TLH 260(printed)/342/336/634/659/333-357:3-4

Looking Forward to Advent Midweek Vespers II

Lessons: Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-6a, Matthew 11:11-15

Hymns: 332-344-882

Remaining Advent Midweek Vespers Services Wednesdays:
December 10 & 17 at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Divine Service: 5:00 & 7:00 pm
Christmas Day Divine Service: 9:30 am

No service Wednesday December 31

Epiphany Divine Service Tuesday January 6th at 6:30 pm

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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