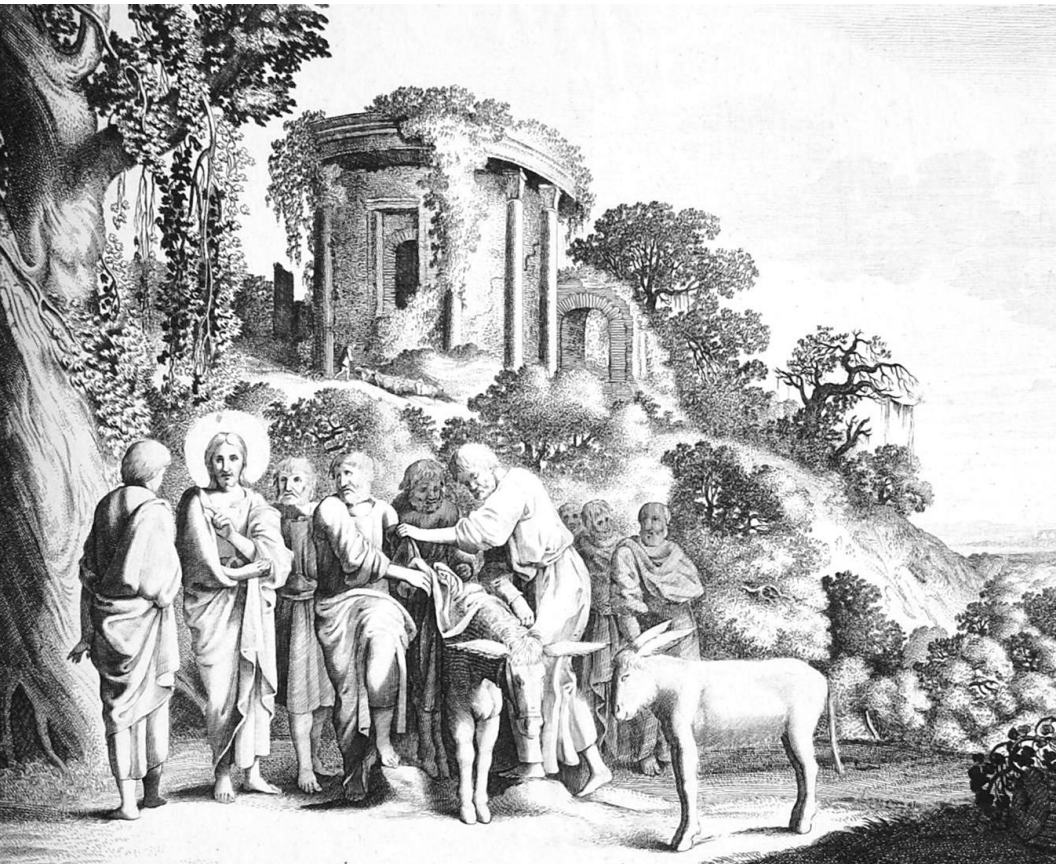
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

AD TE LEVAVI – *"TO YOU, I HAVE LIFTED UP."*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Sunday, November 29, 2026



Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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"Let us go to Bethlehem…" Luke 2:15

Blessed Advent! Advent means coming. Jesus came in human flesh of the Virgin Mary. Jesus will come again on the last day. At Bethlehem, Jesus comes in His Word and Sacraments to save us. To faithfully prepare for Jesus' body and blood in the Lord's Supper, we are reminded to repent of our sins, believe Jesus' true presence, and partake of the Supper with those who believe the same as the Scripture and our church. If you haven't received this instruction but are interested, please speak with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Gary Grobengieser	Sam Stuemke – heart
Dean Biggs – back	Lillian Grobengieser	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Kiefer Camp	Dale Roll	Steve Voelker
Daphne Flood	Joe Strullmyer	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (11/29-12/05): 11/29 – Kristi Kraemer

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	*$ 10416*
Offering collected for General Fund on 11/22	$ 3693
Reformation Run proceeds	$ 1815

Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 11/22, 9:30am – 130





Bible Class: Chapter 2 Questions Cont.

Christian Mission to Ireland

- Who were the Barbarians that St. Patrick converted?
  - Why is the Celtic cross so beautiful?
  - What are some of your favorite lines in the hymn below?

Christian Mission to England

- How did England get it's name?
  - Who launched a mission around 600 to convert the Barbarians in England?

Christian Mission to Germany

- Who did Boniface convert by chopping down Thor's Oak?

Christian Mission to France

- How did France start out as a Christian nation around 496 ad ?
- Who halted Islam from overtaking France in the Battle of Tours (732 ad)?
- What is the more familiar name of Charles the Great?
- How were the Saxon's converted to Christianity?
- What marked the end of the Dark Ages? How so?

Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice



Revised practice schedule:

November 29 Sunday School: 10:45-11:30
Program Practice: 11:30-12:30

December 6: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Program Practice: 10:45-12 noon

December 13 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Program Practice: 10:45-12 noon

December 20 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Program Practice: 10:45-12 noon

- Parents please work together to provide snacks that they will have in their Sunday School classroom prior to having their practices. 40 snacks each Sunday are needed.
- Work with your child to review their "piece" as it to be memorized by December 6 practice.

What a blessing to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



Decorate the Church with Poinsettias – Blossom Paradise is once again offering poinsettias at a discount. Contact Roberta Phillips if you would like to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church.
Red, Pink, White, or Marble Poinsettias - $18.00
Today is the last day to place your order.

Bible Bowl practice – Today, 6-7pm – 5th – 12th grade welcome.

Elections & Missions Meeting – Sunday, December 6th, 1:30 pm.

Church Christmas Decorating – Saturday, Dec.12 – 8:00 am

Ladies' Aid will be packaging up **Christmas Cookies o**n – Saturday, Dec 12, 11:00am. Donations of home baked cookies would be much appreciated. Cookies will be delivered by the carolers on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Bethlehem Church Caroling, Sunday, December 13th. All are invited to go caroling, meet at the parish hall at 2:30 p.m. More details next week.

District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments

LUTHERANS BE INFORMED: As a member of LC-MS Central Illinois District, sign up to receive our District newsletter: The Gatepost. This will give updates as to district plans, mission, and information for how our offerings are faithfully stewarded for the sake of the Gospel. You can find issues of The Gatepost and sign up to receive it for free at: LCMS Central Illinois District - The GatePost Newsletter, or by using the QR Code.

A RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) GIFT CARD CHRISTMAS ORDER is being placed on Monday, December 7. You may order online or turn a paper order into the office no later than Monday, December 7. The orders will be back and ready by Friday, December 11. Checks should be made out to: ALIS PTL Scrip. Order online at raiseright.com/shop. Enrollment code for ALIS: **A86DB45918678**. There are more gift cards available online. Attached is a paper order form. PTL receives a % of each gift card sold. Please contact Lynn Winter 217-821-1514 or email Lynn.Winter2009@gmail.com with questions.

- ***Order forms are available in the church narthex***

WE'RE HIRING - Open Positions 2027-2028: Resume & References accepted now through November 6th, 2026. Job Descriptions located in the narthex.

- 6th Grade Homeroom & Middle School ELA Teacher

Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. The food pantry had a total of 60 participants on 11/24/26. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, December 2

9:30 am – Staff Meeting
3:30 pm – Kinderchor practice
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent 1 Service at Bethlehem
Following the worship service – Choir practice at Bethlehem

Sunday, December 6 – ADVENT 2

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion *(Kinderchor sings)*
10:45 am – Bible Study (No Youth Sunday School)
10:45 am – 12:00pm – Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice
1:30 pm – Elections & Missions Meeting
6-7 pm – Bible Bowl Practice

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
(Recording of today's worship service is also available on our YouTube channel - link via our church website).

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
&
THE SALVATION OF MAN