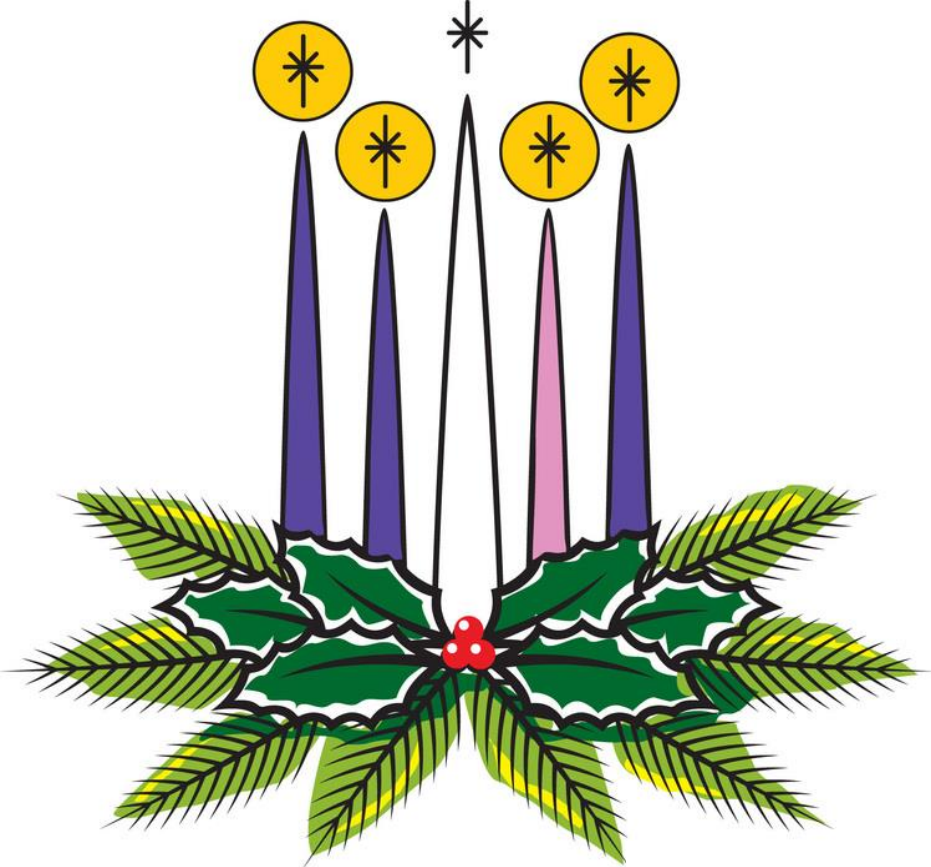


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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

334; 332; 357

Ushers serving in December: Mark Suckow & B.J. Voelker

Reserve: John Wohltman

We welcome our visitors in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you. Please introduce yourself to our members and our pastor. If you are interested in learning more about Zion, membership, or our teachings, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Manley or an Elder.

In Our Prayers This Week

In need of healing: Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke (hospice), Wanda Phillips, Marion Schmidt (lung), Bert Siebert (recovery), Stella Stone (infection), Steve Voelker, Gary Wendling, Patti Wolff (heart), Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Lucille Beccue (LCC), Bernice Graumenz (LCC), Shirley Siddens (LCC), Judy Stuemke (LCC), Mildred Wolf (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue

For Immanuel, Altamont, and all who are in need of a pastor.

Happy Birthday to Pastor Manley on Friday (12/27).

Happy Anniversary to Ken & Imogene Clark on Saturday (12/28).

Upcoming January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Jeanine Wendling (01/06), Charlotte Murray (01/19),

David Suckow (01/24), Jason Suckow (01/26)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21 – Jan. 6 – No School Christmas/New Year's Break

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERVICES

Christmas Eve Children's Program – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5:30 P.M.
Christmas Day - *with Holy Communion* – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 8:00 A.M.
New Year's Eve - *with Holy Communion* – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 P.M.

Guest Preacher – Welcome to Rev. James May. His visit today will inform us about The Lutheran School of Theology in Nairobi, Kenya. LST trains Lutheran men from over 20 countries in Africa where there is a great need for Lutheran pastors (the average pastor serves 12 churches). Pastor May will give a presentation after the service.

THIS MORNING - Donuts will be served following our worship service. Guests are welcome to join us for this food and fellowship event.

49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19 from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. Volunteers are needed. Please text Susan at 217.663.2084 to sign up for a shift. Donations of breads, rolls, donut holes, & muffins are needed, and can be dropped off on Saturday, January 18 from 12-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL 62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois Pro-Life March - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the State Capitol building) will host a Matins service before the rally and march in the morning. A light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. Precise times are being determined. Again, this year, parking will be available downtown at the State House Inn, a block north of the capitol and near Trinity. However, please make plans now to carpool whenever possible.

Thought for the week...

Philippians 4:5–6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 12/15	\$ 522.00
Received YTD:	\$ 66,539.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 1,539.50
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 12/15	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 2,264.00



The following Lectionary Summary, provided by the LCMS, serves as a guide to help understand the theme of the readings for each Sunday as well as how they fit into the particular season of the Church Year.

John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).

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