

Worship Guide for DECEMBER 4, 2022



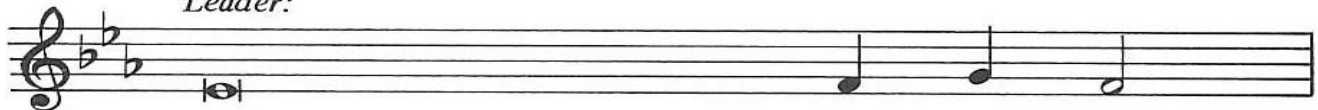
2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath

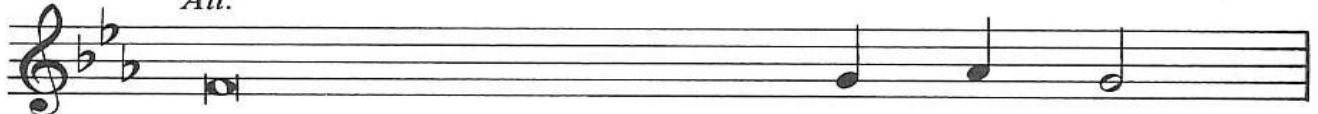
Evening Hymn from Holden Evening Prayer

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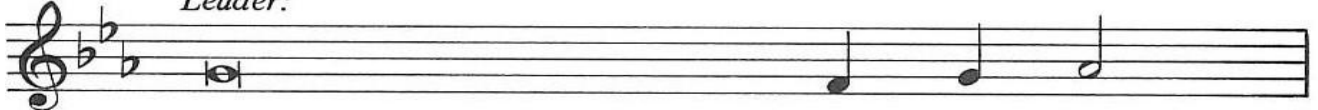
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



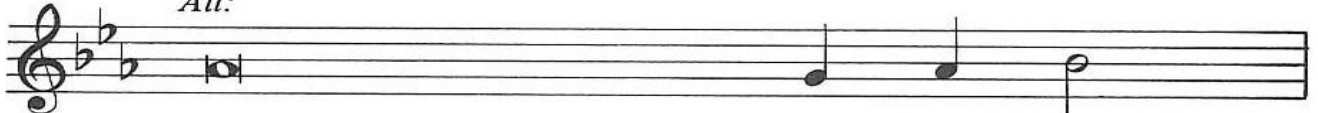
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

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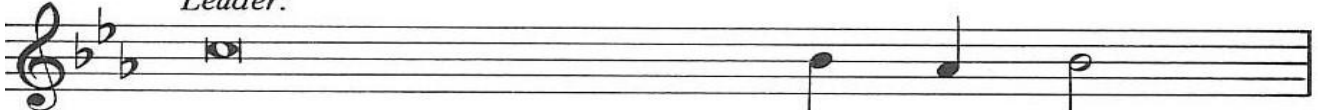
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

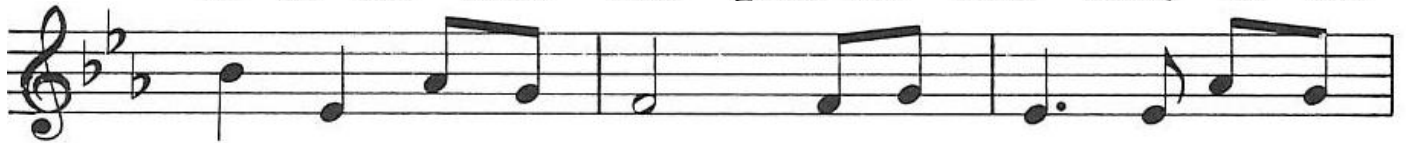
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Evening Hymn

All: a tempo



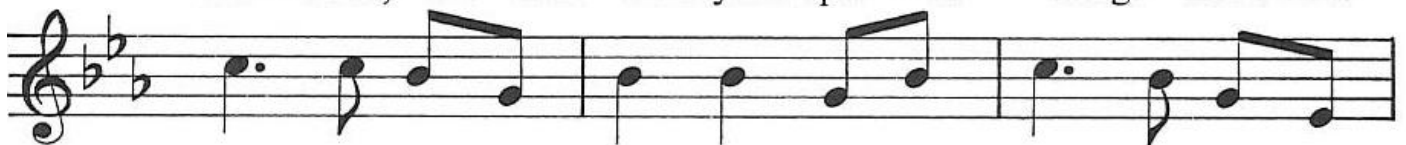
1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



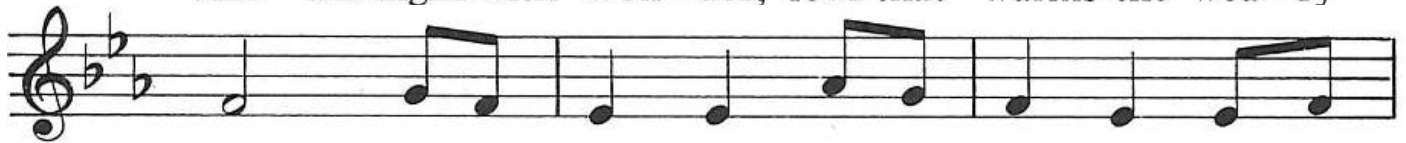
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



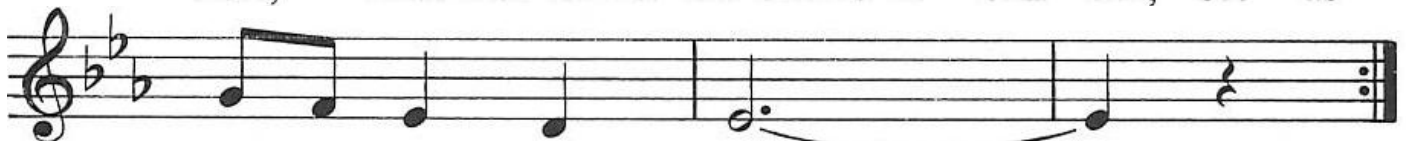
sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, ***all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



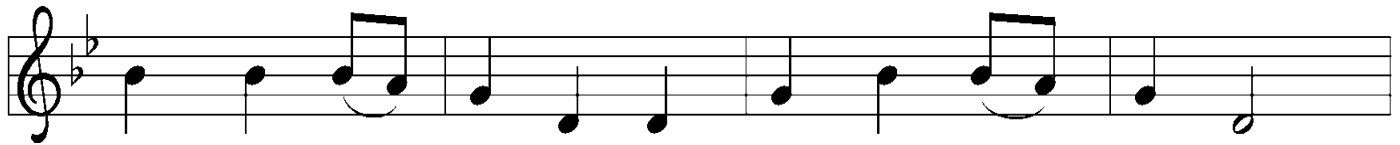
that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Kyrie**Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The

nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Children's MessageGospel Acclamation

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Prepare the Royal Highway (next page)



December Mission Partner - ELCA Good Gifts

During Advent, you will have the opportunity to purchase ELCA “Good Gifts” ornaments and help decorate our Advent Giving Tree.

Ornaments are on the table beneath the tree. When you purchase one, you can hang it on the tree or take it home if you prefer. Your purchases of ornaments will provide livestock such as chicks, honeybees, pigs, goats, or items such as school fees and supplies, food and water. Gift amounts start at just \$10. Join with some friends and purchase an entire barnyard! Envelopes are available. Indicate what you’ve purchased, put your cash or check in the envelope, and put the envelope in the “gold” box on the table by the sign-up sheets.

Prepare the Royal Highway

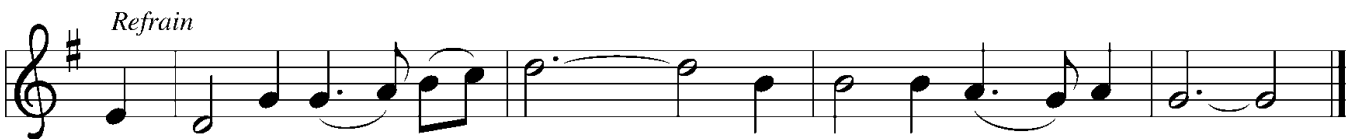
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

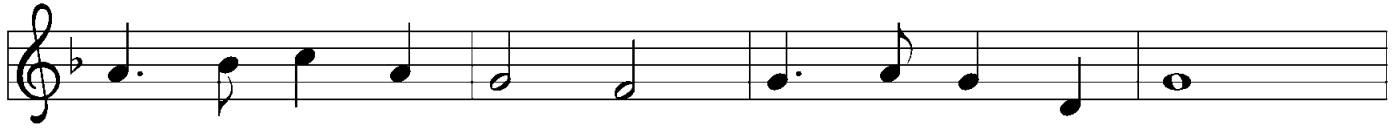
Prayers of the People

Lord in your Mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offering Prayer**

Together we pray: ***Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Words of Institution**Lord's Prayer**

Sharing Christ's Meal**Communion Hymn #1****In the Bleak Midwinter**

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



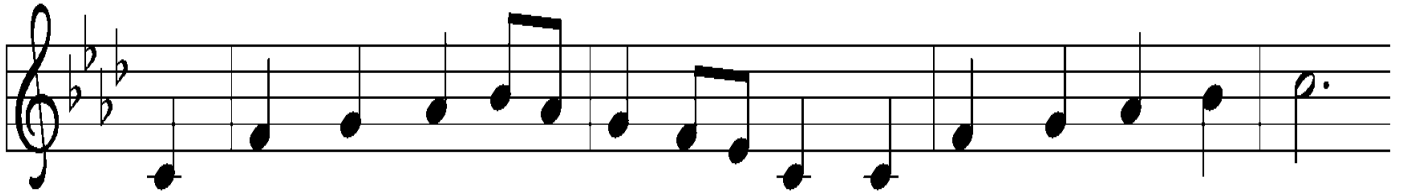
snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Communion Hymn #2

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Communion BlessingCommunion Prayer

Together we pray: ***God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

BenedictionSending Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding! (next page)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
 down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 and with words of love draw near.
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!



Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!
 If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Terry or Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book on the podium outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheranchurch.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN



Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen **Fellowship Hosts:** B and Roger Olson,
Ushers: Karin Snortland and Donna Zelinsky **Vivian Krause**
Setting the Lord's Table: Sally Ellingson **Pianist:** Cheryl Durant
Reader: Vivian Krause **Choir Director:** Annalise Aakhus
Communion Assistant: Sue Rosselet **AV Services:** Traci Schanke

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November 2022 Income vs Expenses (Preliminary)

Total Income for November	\$19,768	Total Expenses for October	\$12,860
<u>Surplus</u> for November	\$6,908	General Fund Offering for 11.27.22	\$1,607

Attendance/Social Media Engagement

November 27 Attendance: 65	Views of November 27 Livestream: 35
YouTube Views (2022 to date): 2,890	YouTube Subscribers: 77
Facebook reach (2022 to date): 100,658	

This Week at New Salem (December 4 - 12)

Monday, 12/5	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 12/7	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
	WAMM Meal	5:45 p.m.
	WAMM, Confirmation, Adult Discussion Group	6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service	7:30 p.m.
Friday, 12/9	New Salem Volunteers at Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Announcements for the Week of December 4, 2022

Mask Update As we monitor local conditions and review updates from the CDC, Synod and Sanford, we continue to fully support our members and guests who wish to wear protective masks when attending worship services and events at New Salem. Thank you for caring for each other!

Monday Bible Study: New Salem's Bible Study takes place Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Bone Builders: The Bone Builders fitness class is on hiatus until after January 1, 2023, due to lack of participation. If you are interested in the class resuming in the New Year, let Traci in the church office know.

Wednesday is WAMM Night! The evening starts with dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by WAMM activities, Confirmation and an Adult Discussion Group at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to provide Wednesday evening dinner or lead a WAMM lesson or activity, a signup sheet is on the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Shelf in December: New Salem volunteers are scheduled to assist clients at the Food Shelf on Friday, December 9, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland5@gmail.com.

Tubs of Love: Your filled tubs (labeled with your assigned number only) **are due back at St. Philip's Church on or before Friday, December 9.** If you need assistance getting your Tub back to St. Philip's, call or email Traci in the church office.

The Christmas Program is Sunday, December 18 – Mark Your Calendars! The Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 18, during our regular worship time, followed by coffee fellowship with holiday treats! The New Salem Choir will be singing several selections for the program - come sing with us! The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. WAMM music time on Wednesdays will also include youth learning songs for the program.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions of New Salem!

Ministry Volunteers Needed Volunteers are urgently needed to help with our Sunday and Wednesday ministries! We are in need of ushers, readers/Communion assistants, help with setting up Communion before the service/tidying up afterward, and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. On Wednesdays, we are in need of leaders and dinner hosts for our WAMM program. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two! Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

Midweek Advent Services: New Salem will have mid-week Advent services on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., utilizing the Holden Evening Prayer. These services will also be livestreamed. The service dates in December are 7, 14, 21.

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Advent and Christmas Worship at New Salem Lutheran Church for 2022



Midweek Advent Services Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

December 7, 14, 21

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

Early Service - 4:30 p.m.

Late Service - 9:00 p.m.





Upcoming Area Holiday Concerts

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra presents "Holidays at Home"

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m. at Bemidji High School

Tickets: \$25/Seniors 62+ \$20/Students: College w/ID \$10; K-12 FREE

Christmas Jazz Concert

featuring musicians and singers

from BSU and First Lutheran Church

*Thursday, December 8, 12 noon at First Lutheran Church
(900 Bemidji Avenue N)*

Free Admission (free will offering)

Bemidji Chorale Holiday Concert

*Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church
(2508 Washington Avenue SE)*

Free Admission (free will offering)

Bemidji Brass Quintet

*Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church
(900 Bemidji Avenue N)*

Free Admission (free will offering)





The Purpose and Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and Candles

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year, began on Sunday, November 27th. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation of our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. In Scandinavia, Lutheran churches light a candle each day of December; by Christmas, they have twenty-four candles burning. Another Advent candle option is a single candle with twenty-four marks on the side--the candle is lit each day and allowed to melt down to the next day's mark.

In recent times, Advent has undergone a shift in emphasis, reflected in a change of colors used in many churches. Many Protestant churches now use blue to distinguish the Season of Advent from Lent. Royal Blue is sometimes used as a symbol of royalty. The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

First Advent Candle: The first candle symbolizes hope. Also known as the "Prophecy Candle" in memory of the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who prophesied the birth of Christ. It symbolizes the anticipation felt in awaiting the coming Messiah.

Second Advent Candle: The second candle symbolizes faith. Also known as the "Bethlehem Candle," signifies Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Third Advent Candle: The third candle is ordinarily pink and represents joy. Also known as the "Shepherd's Candle." This candle is pink because the rose color represents joy. The third Sunday of Advent is meant to remind us of the world's joy at the birth of Jesus and that the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent.

Fourth Advent Candle: The final candle marks the last week of Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. This final candle, also known as the "Angel's Candle," signifies peace. It reminds us of the angels' message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" (Luke 2:14).

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Join us in-person or online for our weekly Advent services at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays.

We'll be using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer.