

**This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	7:00 PM	Budget/Election Meeting
<i>Monday:</i>	3:15 PM	Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Wednesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	12:00 PM	Ladies Aid Christmas Lunch
	7:00 PM	Bible Study at Church
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Practice at SLS
	5:00 PM	Christ Night at Light up the Night
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion

**Verse of the Day**

*The congregation sings this alleluia before and after the proper verse is sung by the minister or soloist.*



**VERSE OF THE DAY:** The powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- The **Advent wreath** marks the passage of the four Sundays in the season of Advent. Each Sunday an additional candle is lit, and the light from the wreath grows increasingly brighter as we near the celebration of the birth of Christ, the light of the world.
- First Lesson: The Day of the Lord will bring destruction to the wicked but healing for those who put their hope in the Lord.
- Second Lesson: Hope comes from patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures.
- Gospel: Those who hope in the Lord keep watch and look forward to the day of their redemption.
- **Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending:** This text by Charles Wesley was originally titled "Thy Kingdom Come" and was designated for the second Sunday in Advent. Stanza three refers to the wounds of Christ, which Jesus bears even after his resurrection (John 20). In Revelation 5, the Lamb at the center of the throne appears "as though

it had been slain." Even in glory, the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross remains the cause of eternal praise.

- **Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring:** This hymn captures the three-fold Advent of our Lord: Jesus came. Jesus comes. Jesus will come again.

**BUDGET/ELECTION:** This meeting will be held today at 7:00 PM at church.

**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:** There are still a few slots to fill for our church's volunteer night at Light up the Night next Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

**LADIES AID CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** The Ladies Aid is planning a soup and sandwich Christmas noon lunch on Thursday. We will also have sweet treats. Everyone is invited to attend and feel free to bring a friend. We will gather in the church basement to enjoy a light meal and much needed fellowship.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE:** On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> grades K-8 will meet at Samuel School from 9:00-11:00 AM to rehearse for the Children's Christmas Eve Service. Preschool students are asked to be there from 10:00-11:00 AM and meet in their classroom. The following Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, all of the children (Preschool-8) will meet from 9-10:30. Attendance is very important!

**PIONEERS:** Do you parents need a couple of kid-free hours to prepare for the holidays? Pioneers will be gathering at church on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM for popcorn and a movie. Parents may also drop off younger children to participate! We will also have some holiday crafts and games for those that may not be able to sit for the movie. Kids are welcome to bring comfy blankets or pillows for the movie if they'd like.

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$13,565 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646  
 \$225 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366  
 \$650 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90  
 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund  
 \$20 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD October 2021: \$261,130.96  
 YTD October 2020: \$278,321.78  
 Annual Budgeted – 2021: \$397,580.00

**Interested in e-giving, check our website.**

**Second Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Divine Service I**

- Opening Hymn #1
- Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 85 on page 97
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Apostles Creed page 20
- Hymn of the Day #704
- Sermon
- "Create in Me" page 21
- Offering
- Prayers and Lord's Prayer
- Hymn #22
- Closing Prayer page 27
- Closing Hymn #26

