

December 3, 2017
1st Sunday in Advent

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Immanuel, you came as promised and ransomed all those held captive by sin and death. Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bless our pastors with faithfulness to proclaim your powerful Word. Lead us to repent through the preaching of the law, and then lift our hope with your gospel. Especially in this season, move us to a greater appreciation for your Old Testament promises. As ancient believers looked forward to your first coming, teach us to look forward to your second coming. Amen.

COMMUNION: Since Gloria Dei values very highly the special treasure that God gives us in Holy Communion, and since Scripture also says that one can receive Communion to his own great harm (1 Corinthians. 11:23-32), we ask that only those who are members of Gloria Dei, or another WELS or ELS congregation come to the altar for the sacrament. Instruction classes to become a communicant member are available throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Himm for more information.

Come Let Us Worship

Hymns: 1, 32, 5, 8

Choir: "Come, Abide with Us"

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:32-37

Message: Isaiah 64:1-8

Deal with Us in Mercy, O LORD.

THOSE WHO SERVE YOU TODAY:

USHERS: Ralph Dudley, Allen Mortimer, & Scott Mortimer

GREETERS: The Mortimer Family

COMMUNION SET UP: Furnner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gary Richmond & Joe King

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Garrett Edgett

COUNTERS: Callahan & Furnner

CLEANER FOR DECEMBER 10: Viele

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU NEXT SUNDAY:

USHERS: Mark Moore, Logan Moore, & Reagan Moore

GREETERS: The Moore Family

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Noah Gresock

COUNTERS: Moore & Neuwirth

CLEANER FOR DECEMBER 17: Sharich

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU DECEMBER 13:

7:00pm Advent Service

USHERS: Jim Sharich, Tom Furnner, & Tim Major

GREETERS: Jim & Penny Sharich

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Joey Hoppe

COUNTERS: Mortimer & Major

OUR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD & WORK

November 26	Attendance	Fund	Offering
Worship	150	General	\$3,442.75
Adult Bible Class	18	Missions*	30.00
Children's Bible Class	14	Flowers	30.00
Thursday Morning ABC	14	Helping Hands	10.00
		Choir	5.00

Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,567.00

Quarterly Mission Project *MLS Foundation

Daily Bible Reading				
Date	Old T.	Psalms	Proverbs	New T.
3-Dec	Ezek. 36	119: 129-144	29	Heb. 8,9
4-Dec	Ezek. 37	119: 145-160	30,31	Heb. 10
5-Dec	Ezek. 38,39	119: 161-176	1	Heb. 11
6-Dec	Ezek. 40	120	2	Heb. 12,13
7-Dec	Ezek. 41,42	121	3	Titus
8-Dec	Ezek. 43,44	122	4	Philemon
9-Dec	Ezek. 45,46	123	5	1 Tim. 1,2
10-Dec	Ezek. 47,48	124	6	1 Tim. 3,4

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class – 1 Peter 5
	6:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice
	5:30 p.m.	Church Council Christmas Party

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers this week are given by the Majors in honor of their 35th anniversary. Happy Anniversary, Tim & Cheryl.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: You are invited to join us following the services this morning for coffee and refreshments. Thank you to Joe & Sharon King for serving us this morning.

PIONEERS: Pioneers will be meeting today after Sunday School.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who came last Saturday night to help decorate the church. The church looks beautiful.

AND THE WINNER IS...For the best chili the prize went to Mike Hoppe. The grand prize winner for the fudge was Val Hoppe. Congratulations to the winners and thank-you to all who entered!

CHURCH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party for the church council will be held on **December 9 at 5:30 p.m.**

ADVENT SERVICE: DECEMBER 13th at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend Gloria Dei's one midweek Advent Service this year to help us focus for on the reason for the season. Pause during your busy December schedule and join us as you catch your breath and contemplate the miracle of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN: We are looking for donations to fill the Christmas bags that are passed out to all the children after the Children's Christmas Program. You can give candy, small treats, cash, or a check to Cass Moore or Val Hoppe. If you would like to make a donation in your weekly offering envelope be sure you mark it: *Ladies Guild for Christmas bags.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/03	Dennis Hipps
12/03	Sharon King
12/04	Jonathon Smith
12/06	Nathan Poulos
12/07	Lisa Hull
12/07	Marilyn Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12/04	Tim & Cheryl Major
12/06	Bob & Eileen Smith
12/08	Scott & Donna Freimark
12/09	Joe & Sharon King