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+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Populus Zion) +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
December 10, 2023

As We Gather: The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “great and awesome day” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “set them ablaze” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

Hymn ‘The Day Is Surely Drawing Near’

LSB 508



1 The day is sure - ly draw-ing near When Je - sus, God's a-noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com-mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

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| <p>5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!</p> | <p>7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.</p> |
| <p>6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.</p> | |

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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Opening Versicles: Advent

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

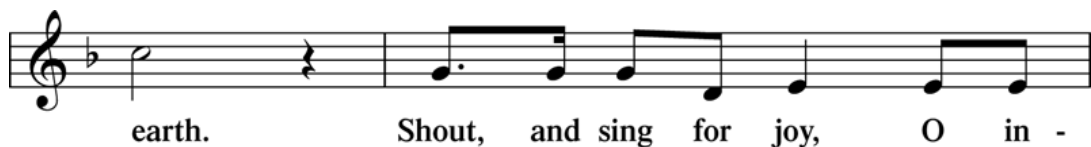
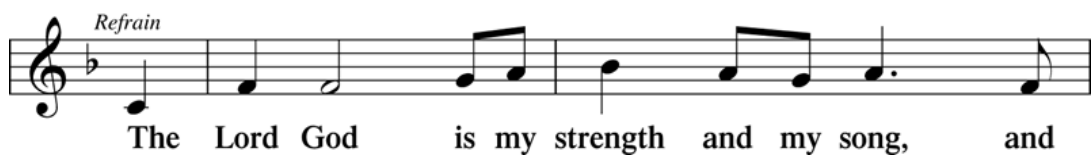
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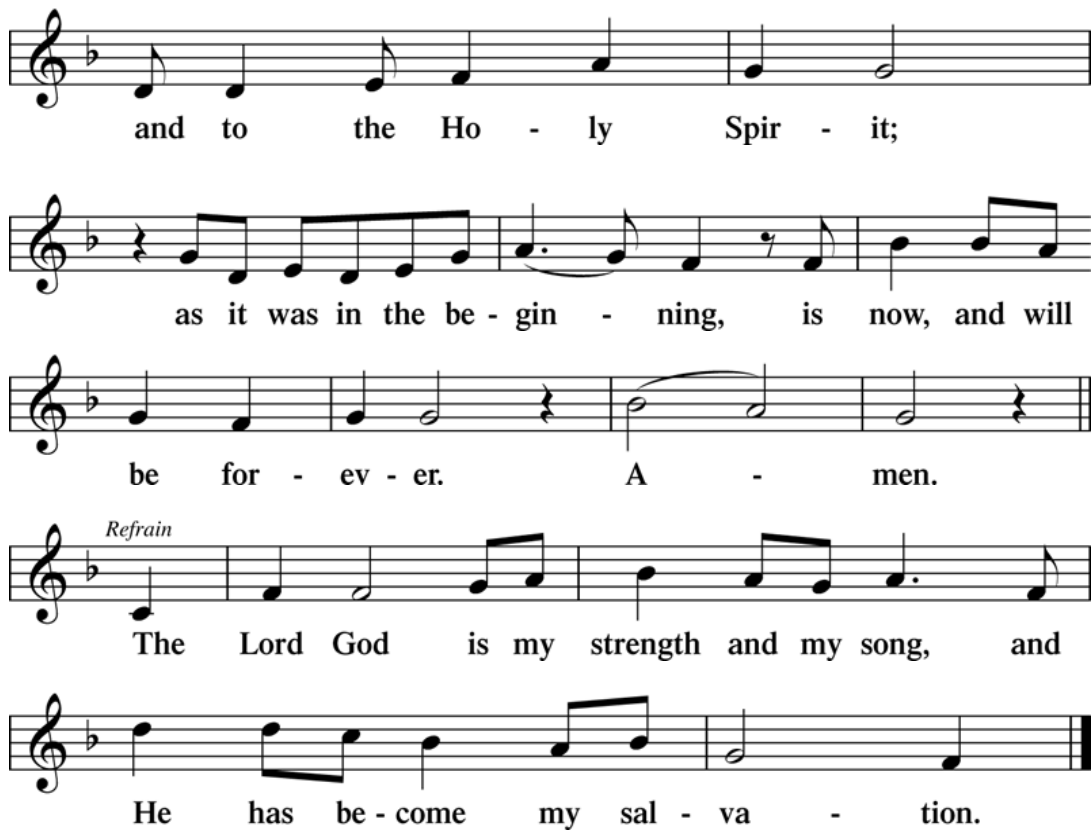
LSB 261

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -





Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

1 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit *Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Look down from | heaven, and see.

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

and to the Holy | Spirit;

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Romans 15:4–13

4Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruc-

8For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

10And again it is said,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

11And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

12And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 21:25–36

25[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Advent

LSB 263

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠everlasting. Amen.**

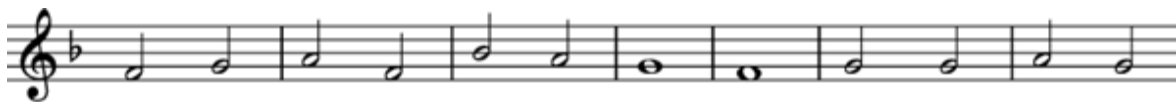
Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn ‘Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning’

TLH 607



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
2 Oh, what fear man's bos - om rend - eth When from heav'n the
3 Won - drous sound the trum - pet fling - eth, Thro' earth's sep - ul -
4 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; All cre - a - tion



Proph - et's warn - ing, Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
Judge de - scend - eth On whose sen - tence all de - pend - eth!
- chers it ring - eth, All be - fore the throne it bring - eth.
is a - wak - ing, To its Judge an an - swer mak - ing.

- 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.
- 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.
- 7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding
When the just are mercy needing?
- 8 King of majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.
- 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation!
- 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,
On the cross of suff'ring bought me;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

- 11 Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution
Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ere that day of retribution!
- 12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning:
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!
- 13 From that sinful woman shriven,
From the dying thief forgiven,
Thou to me a hope hast given.
- 14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing;
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying.
- 15 With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me!
Nor among the goats abase me,
But to Thy right hand upraise me.
- 16 While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
- 17 Low I kneel with heart-submission,
See, like ashes, my contrition;
Help me in my last condition!
- 18 Day of sorrow, day of weeping,
When, in dust no longer sleeping,
Man awakes in Thy dread keeping!
- 19 To the rest Thou didst prepare me
On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in mercy spare me!

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Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

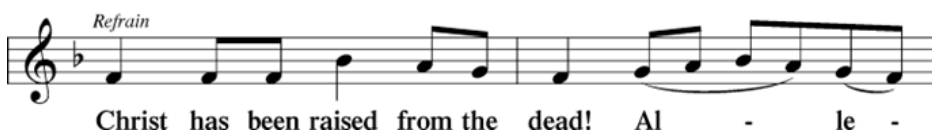
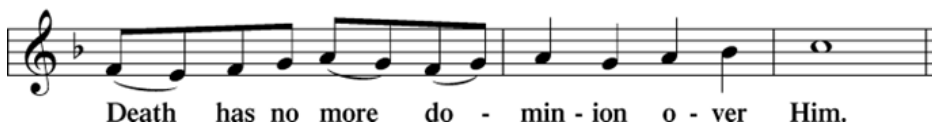
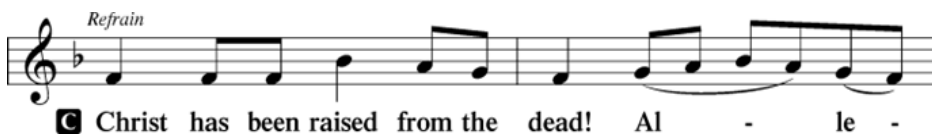
C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticale

LSB 266





Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

Hymn 'Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending'

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 4:1–5, and Matthew 11:2-11.

Stewardship: Romans 15:4 – “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.” God’s Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us how to live out our Christian lives (this is the “third use of the Law”). As Christians, we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us; now, we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

The Board of Education is selling calendars for \$7. Please see Sherry Baker if you would like one.

An offering plate is set out for anyone who desires to donate towards the treat bags for the Christmas program. Thank you!

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Dec. 13 and 20.

Cleaning, serving, and usher lists for next year are available on the entryway table.

Building Healthy Families for Dec. 10th: “Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.” - Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas brings memories of early years, often along with a smile. Who would enjoy your company and a chance to reminisce about their memories of Christmases past? A family member, the widow next door, or the elderly gentleman at the local nursing home who has no visitors? You may be surprised at how excited they are to share their Christmas memories, and even to listen to yours. Share God’s great love through a visit with someone who may be feeling lonely this week! ~ **www.LutheranFamilyService.org.**

Life Quote for Dec. 10th: “You might not be impressive by the world’s standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!” Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace

A Life Thought in the Church Year for Dec. 10th: John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus’ blessing is always coming (Mark 1:7-8). Even during surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, He is not slow to keep His promises. Instead, He acts patiently, not wishing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Aren’t we crying out about it as this generation’s voice in the wilderness (Mark 1:3)?

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 17th: Hear “Life After Landing” based on Isaiah 61:1-2 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/10--12/16 is **Honold**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/17--12/23 is **Huebner**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Birthdays

Today...Marrina Kaloupek

Tuesday...Ben Louden

Wednesday...Ethan Boddicker

Thursday...Randy Carnine

Saturday...Sherry Baker

Baptismal Birthdays

Today...Marina Wyckoff

Tuesday...Oliver Louden

Wednesday...Alicia Routier

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work for Dec. 13th

5th/6th

Confession: Where is this written?

7th/8th

Questioning Books



Tis the season to give

**Christmas
for
MICA**

Immanuel will be collecting food items for the MICA Food Bank for Christmas during the month of December.

Please bring cereals, soups, skillet meals, etc.
by December 17th.

A list on the round table in the entrance will be available with items that can be collected.

Any questions, contact one of the members of the Board of Evangelism.

*June Routier
Dianna Kelting
Pam Haase*

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS
For the Week of December 3, 2023

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| Attendance | 54 |
| Communion | 38 |
| General Fund | \$3403.00 |
| Missions | \$375.00 |

WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | 8:00am | Council Meeting |
| | 9:00am | 2nd Sunday in Advent |
| | 10:30am | Bible Study/Christmas Program Practice |
| | 11:30am | Board of Education Meeting |
| | | Greeter: Wyckoff |
| | | Usher: Dan Huebner |
| | | Servers: Melissa & Ellie Mintle |
| | | Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole |
| | | Elder: Joel McDonough |
| Monday | 9:00am | Winkle: Pastor at State Center |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | GMA |
| Wednesday | 4-5pm | Confirmation 5th/6th |
| | 5-6pm | Confirmation 7th/8th |
| | 5-6:15pm | Meal |
| | 6:30pm | Advent Service |
| | | Usher: Joel R. Koepp |
| Thursday | 11:00am | Bible Study |
| Next Sunday | 9:00am | 3rd Sunday in Advent |
| | 10:30am | Christmas Program |
| | | Greeter: Baker |
| | | Usher: Keith Thorpe |
| | | Servers: Emily & Lauren Loudon |
| | | Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Finn |
| | | Elder: Darlo Kelting |