

[ADVENT CONSPIRACY]

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Our Savior
2022 Advent Devotion

Advent Conspiracy

What is Advent all about? It is about taking time to slow down, wait, and anticipate Christmas, the birth of Jesus! But the rest of the world around us tends to take Advent as the time to rush, rush, and rush, so that we can spend, spend, and spend, to get stuff, stuff, and more stuff.

This year, we take a look at 4 different conspiracies of Advent, and see how we can take how the world expects us to live and act during this season, and turn our focus to Christ. There is always a focus on the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas season. Not this year. We turn our attention to Jesus, the true reason for the season.

Worship Fully: How can we take a look not at everything around us, but focus our Advent Season on worshipping the coming King?

Spend Less: As Advent starts and moves forward, there is often times a focus on spending money. How can we focus on spending less recklessly?

Give More: Rather than giving more and more money, our focus this Advent is to give more of ourselves, to be present with the people around us, and to be generous not just with stuff and gifts, but with our care and compassion.

Love All: Jesus loves us with a radical kind of love. How can we share that unconditional love with those around us this Advent Season?

May we, with the heavenly choir join our voices this season, and proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest!"

November 27

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.

Every semester, I write letters of recommendation for my former students for scholarships and admissions to selective colleges.

The pandemic, has made this task difficult. For two years I could only see my students on a screen. Social media, Zoom, and livestreams, like actual windows, let us see people, but only a small part of them. I saw them, but I couldn't peel away the layers until I reached their compassion, insight, goals, and convictions. On the other hand, when they spent 16 weeks in my class I could peel away those layers. These windows weren't big enough to reveal what is unique and extraordinary about each person.

Hebrews reminds us that a window on a screen isn't enough. To worship fully means to show and feel love, to encourage and be encouraged, to grow in faith and to share faith. As such, the church makes us one and thus united for Jesus' glorious return.

Dear Lord, may the Lenten Season provide an opportunity to worship fully as one church family. Amen.

Hymn - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LSB 643 - Stanza 1)

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Devotion written by: Chris Manning

November 28

Psalm 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

As an 8-year-old boy I was given a small red bible. Knowing nothing about God or religion, I knelt beside my bed on the concrete floor and began to read the words. Why did I kneel? Some would say the act of submission is inherent within us. I, an unchurched boy, knew I held something divine and should treat it as such. Think of the times one would bow or kneel. In some cultures, one would bow to a king or emperor sometimes kneeling as an act of further submission.

Surely there are plenty of offences that call for genuflection and pleas of forgiveness for our uncountable sins. This advent season come to worship and bow before your Lord in reverence, kneel in submission, or "make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" "Join your fellow penitent sinners awaiting the arrival of our King. Only this king does not require you to kneel.....but you may find yourself longing to.

Lord thank You for coming and dying for our sins. Bless us with patience as we await Your return. Amen.

Hymn - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB 790 - Stanza 1)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Devotion Written by: Ryan LaFeve

November 29

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

At times, we allow the "traditions" of the Christmas season to be that of rushing around buying all the things that place smiles on the faces of those dear to us. As I sit here and reflect on how I personally have spent my time, I quickly came to realize that my priorities have not always been in line with the true reason we celebrate Christmas. My time of worship has been distracted by all the planning, purchasing and gift giving. When the true gift of Christmas is Jesus and the peace, love, and joy He brings to our hearts and lives.

I ask myself, is what I am devoting my time to drawing me closer to God or robbing Him of my time in worship. Let our worship be that of slowing down and resting in His presence. Let us worship in studying His word and applying it to our daily lives. Let us raise our hands to worship Christ, let us tell the story of Christ through our worship.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

Father, thank You for the grace You extend. Help us to not allow the things of this world to consume our time. Help us to rest in Your presence and worship You from our hearts as an expression of our thankfulness for Your Son, sent to us for our salvation. Amen.

Hymn - "Voices Raised to You We Offer" (LSB 795 - Stanza 1)

Voices raised to You we offer;
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

Devotion by: Tina Ferris

November 30

Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."

It was almost Christmas, the very first Christmas. Shepherds were watching sheep in the fields outside Bethlehem. It was all they did yesterday. It was all they planned to do tomorrow. But on the night Jesus was born, an angel told them that the Savior had come, and they'd find Him in Bethlehem. They left their sheep and went to see Jesus. Because they saw Jesus, they had an additional job, to spread the word about this child. Because they saw Jesus, they glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen. Because aged Simeon saw Jesus, he praised God. Because the wise men saw Jesus and they bowed down and worshipped Him.

With eyes of faith, we have seen Jesus as our Savior and because we've seen Jesus, we are encouraged this Advent season to worship Him, worship fully. The weeks before Christmas are busy with decorating, putting up a tree, sending out cards, buying and wrapping gifts, baking cookies, planning family get-togethers. There's a long to-do list. What I really need to do every day is to kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today, to lift up my hands and to praise Him as they, to rejoice that a Savior from sin I can boast, and to join in the song of the heavenly host.

*Jesus, You are my Savior. I offer You my praise and thanksgiving.
You are worthy of all glory and honor. Amen*

Hymn - "On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing" (LSB 377 - Stanza 1)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Devotion by: Jean Walter

December 1

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.

With Advent comes winter and if you live in Michigan with winter comes snow. When the snow falls it's a heartwarming sight to see a small child equipped with a small shovel helping an adult parent tackle a large job. Like the small child we strive to be closer to God by serving others especially around Christmas.

Romans 12:1 encourages us to be "living sacrifices." Paul was wise to instruct us to premeditate our actions "in view of God's mercy." When our acts of generosity and kindness are motivated by the love that our Savior gave us they are "pleasing to God." Unfortunately, our sinful nature often gets in the way and our good works become like filthy rags. When we take our eyes off Jesus we begin to sink.

God sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. There has never been or will ever be a greater act of love and mercy. We are especially reminded during Advent what a great gift that is. Jesus is worthy of our praise and worthy of our worship. When we view our gifts to others through that lens God is pleased. This is our "true and proper worship."

Father, thank You for sending Jesus to do what we could never do. We praise and worship You for this great gift. Amen.

Hymn - "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" (LSB 856 - Stanza 5)

O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,
The martyr's strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns of sacrifice and praise,
Our lives an offering.

Devotion by: Bill Hall

December 2

I Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Today's scripture is part of a worship service commemorating the re-location of the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. God's love, then and today, is a saving marvel. It is unending in both directions for eternity. It is also all encompassing right now for each one of us. No matter how busy, how stressed, how distracted, or how broken we may feel this advent, His high, long, wide, deep love--the baby Jesus—can get to us with His grace and salvation. Just as amazing, He has always intended to use each one of us to extend that love to others.

Centering our worship fully and thankfully on God's goodness and marveling at His love each day this advent is an excellent way to the manger.

Dear Lord, thank You for Your goodness. As we worship You this advent, make us deeply aware of Your enduring and all-encompassing love. Move us to respond in love to others this holiday season according to Your perfect plan. Amen.

Hymn - "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (LSB 806)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

Devotion by: Claudia Carter

December 3

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Love is a word that is used freely in many ways. I love pizza. I love my family. I love my home. God's definition of love goes far beyond this. God loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to earth to die for us. This is the ultimate gift of love. Without this demonstration of God's unconditional love for us, we would not know how to love.

God says to us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." When we love God, we recognize the abundant blessings bestowed on us. Worshiping our God means full adoration, praise, prayers, and sharing God's love with others. We put our love for God into action.

In this Advent season, as you reflect and prepare your hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth, remember through worship services, prayer, family devotions, decorations, special music, and sharing God's love with others, to keep your focus on what the true meaning of Christmas is: LOVE!

Dear Lord, during this season of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus and show us ways to share this love. Amen.

Hymn - "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" (LSB 694 -Stanza 2)

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart
Thou my Redeemer art!

Devotion by: Wendy Greve

December 4

Philippians 4:11

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

How do we learn this contentment that Paul speaks of? He reveals the "secret" is doing or facing everything in the strength given by the Lord. Through all his highs or lows and abundance or need, Paul was given sufficient strength. He also claimed he was "revived" by the church in Philippi as they showed concern for him and provided for his needs when they had opportunity to help. The church was spiritually ready and willing.

This Christmas season let us follow this faithful example of the Philippian church and serve the Lord as a body of believers to spread good will, cheer and the Gospel message. Let us learn to be content whatever comes our way by depending on the strength of the Lord. Together we are complete as a functioning body ready to give and serve.

Dear Lord, We thank You for working in us and through us as we support our brothers and sisters in need. Thank You for the strength we need to get through life's circumstances. Amen.

Hymn - "What Is the World to Me" (LSB 730 - Stanza 3)

The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold shall fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

Devotion by: Heidi Joubert

December 5

Luke 3:11

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Is Your Giving Mandatory or Indicative?

"What shall we do?" was the question put to John the Baptist two verses earlier. Fortunately, in today's verse John provides a practical answer. But we must be careful not to view the examples as items on a religious checklist of dos and don'ts (the law), but rather actions that reflect a love for God (the gospel). He is not obliging everyone with two shirts in his or her closet to give one away. Rather, he is stating that giving to the poor out of our abundance demonstrates the love and mercy of God. In this case, the act of giving the shirt or meat is indicative of a humble and caring heart and not a mandatory righteous act we can boast about or use to earn our way to Heaven. As we seek to give to others this season, may our gifts not focus primarily on the dollar amount (the mandatory), but whether our giving demonstrates the love of God toward others (the indicative).

Lord, during this season, may we remember to do as the prophet Micah reminds us: to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Amen.

Hymn - "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" (LSB 345 - Stanza 1)

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near, " we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day! "

Devotion by: Wayne Joubert

December 6

Luke 16:13

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Advent is a season I look back on with fond memories. I attended OSL for grades K-8 and in those days, we had an all-school performance each Advent – as I am sure some of you remember. It would be so nerve wracking as you didn't want to forget a line, go to the wrong spot, etc. Once it was done and the message delivered, we would celebrate with our friends for a few moments before going our separate ways for Christmas break. We would celebrate with each of my parents' families, respectively. None of my memories involve specific gifts. Instead, my memories involve people I love all celebrating the arrival of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. When presenting at work, we have a saying "Keep the main thing, the main thing" to avoid getting derailed from the heart of the presentation. The phrase seems fitting for Advent as we are told that spending more or buying expensive gifts will create better memories. I ask you to join me this Advent season as we keep the main thing the main thing by not focusing on gifts or money, instead cherishing: Jesus arriving, and He shall reign forevermore!

Dear Lord, be with us as we focus on Your Son's arrival this season and help us to keep the main thing, the main thing: Jesus' arrival. Amen.

Hymn - "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LSB 842 - Stanza 2)

As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

Devotion by: Mark List

December 7

Proverbs 21:20

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Solomon has taught us: those who are truly wise have heartfelt respect and deep reverence for God (Proverbs 9:10). Those who are wise can recognize God's amazing grace in their everyday lives, and they can appreciate the fact that the blessings of God are not to be wasted nor taken for granted.

While those who are foolish, on the other hand, live only for the moment and the pleasures it offers.

This holiday season the economy is a real concern. Higher prices are a fact in everyone's life, and many are asking if they have to give as many gifts or as costly as in the past? Do they have to invite as many to their annual get-together? What absolutely must be done and where can they cut corners?

Those who are truly wise realize that the real blessing of this season can't be measured in how much or little we spend. Rather that blessing is found in how we spend the time God has given to prepare our hearts and lives to receive our Savior who once came to bless us, continues to lead and feed us and, someday, will come to take us home.

Lord, help us to make wise use of this time You have given to prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of our Savior. Amen.

Hymn - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (LSB 892 – Stanza 1)

Come, ye thankful people come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

Devotion by: Glenn Kopper

December 8

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Advent Conspiracy: a plot or scheme with the goal of overthrowing Advent, by storing up earthly treasures -- whew! Sounds pretty serious, but this is the devil's intent. He tries to ruin the beauty and meaning of Christmas by subtly taking what God gives as the Hope for mankind and turning it into a spending free for all. Pastor Maier said that we Christians live with a bullseye on our back, a ready target for Satan's evil plan to convince us we need to have more, spend more.

Today, we feel the pressure of meeting expectations during the holidays, from television advertising and social media to the point of taking our eyes off Jesus. Giving and receiving gifts can be a beautiful demonstration of love for one another, based on the greatest Gift of Love ever given, God's own son. Through this tiny babe born that first Christmas we now possess the one perfect gift: victory over sin, death, and the devil.

With our hearts focused on Jesus, we have all we really need. A gift that will never break, rust, or require new batteries. A gift we can pass on to someone else, the greatest gift we have ever received: the free gift of our salvation, and it won't cost us a dime.

Thank You, Father, for Your priceless gift to all mankind. Amen.

Hymn - "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is" (LSB 372 - Stanza 6)

The world may hold
Her wealth and gold;
But Thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.
To Him hold fast
Until at last
A Crown be thine and honor in full measure.

Devotion by: Clyde Kamm

December 9

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This week's theme is Spend Less...recklessly. Ouch. Even the most budget-minded people have moments of weakness where a few dollars (or more) are wasted by a frivolous purchase. We've all done it. In fact, if we're honest, we've probably wasted a lot more money than we want to admit. What does that say about how we love? Have we wasted opportunities to show care, concern, love? Have we superficially "loved" things or people? Again, if we're honest, we will answer "yes". 1 John 3:18 urges us to love "with actions and in truth". Love isn't simply lip service. It is actions in truth. As Christians, our actions reflect the ultimate Truth, Christ. He is the true giver of all things and has given perfect love through His life, death, and resurrection. It is sacrificial; it is perfect; it is our salvation. Thanks be to God for His perfect action of love!

Lord, help us focus on You this Advent. Send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us to love with our actions so that the people You put in our path each day may see Jesus in us and know Your perfect gift of salvation. Thank You for Your mercy and grace that gives us a new start each day. We praise You for Your perfect love given to us in our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Hymn – "O God, My Faithful God" (LSB 696 – Stanza 4)

Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

Devotion by: Kristin Wangelin

December 10

Luke 12:15

Then He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

I don't know about you, but I have many hobbies. Depending on your hobbies and how much time you dedicate to them, you probably need equipment and there is always newer technology or equipment that will help you enjoy your hobby more. It is very interesting to see the number of self-storage facilities that have been built in the last 10 years. The only reason for an increase in the number of these facilities is because humans continue to accumulate more possessions. Sometimes we are not even able to park a vehicle in the garage because it is full of other stuff.

One of the greatest gifts we have received besides grace is time. Do we spend our time gathering stuff or do we spend our time in meaningful relationships with others and growing in our faith in Christ? God has put us here for a purpose, so let's use our time wisely.

Lord, in this season of giving help us to remember Your gift to this world and that our greatest gifts are not our possessions, but the time and talents that You have given us. Help us to use these to Your glory each and every day. Amen.

Hymn - "All Depends on Our Possessing" (LSB 732 - Stanza 1)

All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

Devotion by: Brett Kaschinske

December 11

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

In John 1:14, God's Word tells us that Jesus became flesh to dwell among us. John says, "we have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father." Truly, God the Father's love for us is beyond human understanding, as He gave His most precious and only Son to be His "gift" of our salvation. Glorious Jesus came to our lowly earth. He wanted to be with us; to be the embodiment of love and grace with which we could identify!

During Advent, we become preoccupied with sharing gifts of Christmas and tokens of love with family and friends. How do we gift those we love with God's love? Is that wrapped gift or monetary card the thing they need most? Perhaps we can show them His love best by being a part of their life—like Jesus did for us. Intentionally sharing our time with them, being compassionate, providing a listening ear, praying with them. In Matthew 26:10, it describes a woman putting expensive perfume on Jesus' head. Jesus told His disciples, "She has done a beautiful thing to me." May our loved ones be able to say of our gifts of care and love that we have "done a beautiful thing" for them.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us Your best gift. Amen.

Hymn - "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (LSB 384 - Stanza 1)

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

Devotion by: Kathy Davenport

December 12

I Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Encouragement - what a wonderful thing to do. We encourage our children and grandchildren when they compete in sports. We encourage them to get good grades knowing they'll have a much better chance of succeeding in life if they do well. It is out of love that we encourage them.

Paul, the author of Thessalonians, was no different. He loved the followers of "The Way". He loved to encourage them at every opportunity. He always reminded them of the unconditional gifts they have received from Jesus Christ. He encouraged them to be self-controlled by "putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet". He reminded them that they too, in Christ, will live forever, whether "awake" or "asleep".

This advent season let us follow Paul's example. Through the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ let us encourage and remind those we love to remember the gift of hope, faith, and love we have in Christ. As we strive to select the perfect unconditional gift for our loved ones let's be guided by the unconditional Perfect gift we've received from Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, may the gifts we give this Christmas be an encouragement to those we love and a reminder of Your unconditional love. Amen.

Hymn – "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses" (LSB 667 – Stanza 1)

Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent;
"Well done, My servant!"

Devotion by: John Hernandez

December 13

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christmas time is known to be a time of giving. However, Isaiah recounts that God first gave His Son for us. Moreover, His gift of Christ is so great, that Isaiah states that He will be called even "Mighty God." In other words, before Christ gave Himself for us on the cross, He first gave Himself in the Incarnation! When one imagines how much God gave up by assuming human flesh, it is clear why Christ's life is called His "Humiliation."

For God to assume human flesh is no small task. God, an uncreated and eternal being, becoming incarnate in human flesh, the form of us created people, not only speaks to God's love for humanity, but first to what He gave up. We did not deserve to be sent a Savior, and we still do not, but that didn't stop God from giving Himself for us. Not only did He give Himself for us, but abundantly, as Isaiah's stated titles make clear, "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." So, this Christmas season, remember what God gave first in order to win our salvation for us to give to others.

Dear Lord, please keep us in Your Word this Christmas season and encourage us to give more by remembering what You gave first. Amen.

Hymn - "The People That in Darkness Sat" (LSB 412 - Stanza 4)

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.
The God by all adored.

Devotion by: Brandon Carter

December 14

James 5:9

Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

How easy it is to sit around and complain. At work, at home or at church. It doesn't accomplish anything and really doesn't even make us feel better for very long. If we are not smashing the 8th Commandment, we are certainly bumping into "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor". Am I hurting the reputation of another or defending and building up another child of God?

The best boss, the best team captain, the best parent, leads by example. They don't ask me to do anything they are unwilling to do or haven't done, themselves.

That's where our Heavenly Father enters the scene. He didn't grumble about Adam and Eve. He doesn't complain about me. He sent His Son, to be the example, lead the perfect life and stand in for me.

With that example, what more can I give? A helping hand, a word of encouragement, an hour of time or a smile, can have a huge impact on the people we encounter every day. Plus, we can offer the best aid, word of a baby that took our place and continues to change the world, for eternity.

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to see the opportunities before us each day to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Help us to hold our tongue, speak well of people and lead lives that reflect Your love for us. Amen.

Hymn - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (LSB 649 – Stanza 1)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Devotion by: Bill Burmeister

December 15

Matthew 1:24

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Joseph and Mary were betrothed to one another (engaged), but she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Legally Joseph could divorce her for her 'unfaithfulness' to him and was thus planning to do so quietly so as not to publicly disgrace her. The angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream telling him that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, that the child should be named Jesus (Jesus is the Greek name for Joshua which means "the Lord saves" because He would save His people from their sins). This was to fulfill the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14: "the virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel" which means "God with us." God intervened to show Joseph that Mary's pregnancy was pure, miraculous, and of the Holy Spirit and that the baby was the long-awaited Messiah. Joseph believed God and took Mary home as his wife. Imagine Mary's relief and joy at Joseph's swift and faithful decision.

Joseph gave more. He gave Mary love, care, compassion, and reverence after the Lord showed him the truth of Mary's miraculous pregnancy.

Dear Heavenly Father, please encourage us through the Holy Spirit to be generous givers of our time, care, love, and compassion to others this Advent season. Amen.

Hymn - "By All Your Saints in Warfare" (LSB 517 - Stanza 14)

We sing our thanks for Joseph,
The guardian of our Lord,
Who faithfully taught Jesus
Through craft and deed and word.
Grant wisdom, Lord, and patience
To parents ev'rywhere
Who guide and teach the children
Entrusted to their care.

Devotion by: Stacy Boyd

December 16

Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Our grandson Mikey loves everything "dad." Dad's old action figures, baseball cards, sports posters, you name it. He sometimes imitates his dad (same t-shirt, sunglasses, that kind of thing). Mikey is his own person, but from the get-go he has been a big fan of dad. Of course, that also includes hanging out with dad and spending time with him. Our son didn't force any of this on Mikey! It came naturally out of their close relationship.

Paul tells us to "follow God's example as dearly loved children." There are so many detours and distractions during this busy season, it's easy to lose our way and just go into survival mode. Only God can help us "walk in the way of love," that we may stretch ourselves to show love toward others, have patience, speak kindly, spend precious time with even a difficult someone. A fragrant Christmas offering and sacrifice to God.

Loving Father, In scripture, You have revealed to us "the most excellent way." Help us to love others as You do. May we shine Your Light in a darkened world through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (LSB 411 – Stanza 1)
I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Devotion by: Deb Kamm

December 17

II Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Thousands of years ago, during the Advent season, God sent us the ultimate gift, His son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. God did this to teach us the meaning of giving. Jesus gave us His time, His wisdom, and His grace during His life on earth. When the time came, Jesus sacrificed His own life to give us the two most precious gifts of all, the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. Jesus did this for us without reluctance and He was not compelled to do so by our Father. Jesus did it out of His love for us.

God gives His love to us freely and openly, by showing us with His own gifts on His son, the grace in the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. As children of God, we too should follow our Father's lead and give without reluctance and joyfully give to others in return with our time, our resources but most of all our love.

Lord, Thank You for the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. We pray that we can honor Your words and give joyfully and without judgement to others. The Advent season is a time of reflection and giving. To honor You and Your will, we will continue to give to others that have less than we do. Amen.

Hymn – "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LSB 842 – Stanza 2)

As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

Devotion by: Jayme Miller

December 18

I Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love reigns supreme. If we do not have love, then nothing else matters. Jesus came as the ultimate gift to demonstrate this supreme love. Jesus showed all the attributes of love during His earthly ministry: overcoming temptation in the wilderness (patience); healing the servant's severed ear in Gethsemane (kind); submitting to Pilate, an earthly ruler, and his questioning (not envious); withholding His power to stop His own execution (not boasting); performing miracles and telling people to not tell others about them (not proud); ensuring His mother is taken care of after His death and ascension (not dishonoring); always giving glory to God the Father (not self-seeking); frequently correcting His disciples for their lack of faith and understanding (not angry); constantly forgiving even the lowest of society (keeping no record of wrongs). He did this not only to be an example of what true love is, but also to demonstrate His love toward us. The tiny babe we read about every Christmas season was destined to be the greatest King to ever reign, and the greatest power He bestowed was in showing love to others. Simply put, the greatest gift we have to give this Advent Season (and always) is love.

Dear God, thank You for sending Love incarnate, the most precious gift of all, to reign supreme in our lives. Amen.

Hymn – "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" (LSB 706 – Stanza 2)

Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

Devotion by: Meghan Sternemann

December 19

I Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

The house is full of chaos. It's cluttered; toys and shoes and gifts and people abound. There's chaos of sound. Kids are chasing each other all around the house, chatter from room to room, oven timers beeping. The food is almost ready, dad is yelling for the kids to settle down, mom shouts "come set the table!" There's chaos of sight. Lights are hung on the tree, and an ornament from every family member's preschool days, decorations from near and far, people rushing. There's chaos of smells, the food, the tree, each of the many individuals gathered to celebrate Christmas.

Then there's a shatter. Then it's quiet. Mom goes to investigate and hears, "just cover it up!" As one cousin whispers to another.

Covering it up doesn't put back all the tiny pieces of the porcelain doll her mother's mother gave her. Covering it up doesn't mend the ache she feels for the broken bits of memory held in the pores of that doll.

Yet God tells us that Love covers over a multitude of sins.

"I forgive you!" Says the mother to the child, looking up at her with sympathetic tears in her eyes. They embrace. All is calm. All is bright.

Dear Heavenly Father, I'm this season so often filled with chaos, still our hearts and cover us like an embrace with love. Amen.

Hymn - "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (LSB 347 – Stanza 1)

"Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over. "

Devotion by: Lauren Deneen

December 20

Proverbs 14:31

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

True honor of God involves mercy toward the poor. Because we are all made by God, the poor and needy are God's creation just as you are. God loves us all equally, whether rich or poor. As our Father, how can He love one child more than another? Charity and love are the greatest evidence of a true Christian. A man that truly knows God is always thinking outside his own life to help and serve others. As we see in 1 John 4:21, "whoever loves God must love his brother." And in Matthew 25, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Cain's words in Genesis still ring true, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Jesus said, "To much is given, much is expected." Dare I say that everyone who is reading this, much has been given. What are God's expectations of you?

Dear Lord, You have given me so much, more than I deserve. Please open my heart to share my bounty with those who are in need and truly deserving of Your goodness. Allow my giving to be a small measure of my thankfulness to You. Amen.

Hymn - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (LSB 398 – Stanza 2)

He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

Devotion by: Tim Mulvaney

December 21

I John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

We don't wake up one day and decide we are going to love others. God taught us to love through Jesus. God created love, He is love and He wants us to love others the same way in which we are loved by Him. It's easy to share love to those around us to whom we want to share it with, but what about the others? What about those people who make it really difficult? God's love is open for everyone and ours should be too. God modeled to us what love looks like and He didn't say just love those who make it easy. He said love everyone. Will you be a light and point others to Jesus by your actions or your words? Your love might just be the love someone needs.

Dear God, Thank You for loving me. Help me to love others as You want me to and forgive me for the times I don't. Amen

Hymn – "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" (LSB 573 – Stanza 2)

It was grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee;
For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

Devotion by: Paula Manning

December 22

Matthew 25:40

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."

"Please donate" the flyer reads at Thanksgiving. "Please give" Santa yells as he rings his bell. Despite our long lists, this is the season we tend to give to those less fortunate. Those we feel deserve our help.

What about the least of us we feel don't deserve our help?

It's easy to help those who are less fortunate due to no fault of their own; a fire, an illness, an unexpected loss. What about the ones who are there because of their own doing? The ones who don't seem grateful or appreciative?

In reading above, what if Jesus's point was really about loving everyone? Have I deserved His eternal love? Have I, despite His hand reaching out to me, continued to sin? Have I been unappreciative and ungrateful of all He has provided? Yes.

When I think about His love for me, I remember I too am the least of us. I am no more deserving than anyone else. So as Jesus reaches His hand to me, it seems that I ought to reach my hand to whoever needs it; because we are all the least of us and we all need Jesus.

Dear Father, I am sorry for withholding my love. Please forgive me. Help me extend my hand to others, whatever their circumstances may be. Thank You for always loving me. Amen

Hymn - "For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 – Stanza 2)

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

Devotion by: Shannon Schlegel

December 23

John 15:12

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Earlier in chapter 15, Jesus describes himself as a vine, us Christians as branches off the vine, and God the Father as a gardener that regularly takes care of his crop. Jesus says that it's only if we follow His commands that we will remain in Him, otherwise we will be severed. His one command is to love everyone the same way He first loved us. Sounds simple, right? We don't often connect pain with love, but God, being an all-wise and loving gardener, knows that pruning a branch will help it grow stronger and produce greater fruit. It's often the pain and suffering we go through on earth that God uses to build up our faith. The branch that is faith is strongly connected to Jesus the vine, and it's impossible for that faith to do anything but love our neighbors, which results in the sweetest fruit. No faith, on the other hand, produces no fruit and is a dead branch that dries up and falls off the vine with the slightest touch. Praise God for giving us that faith and coming to us in the flesh to suffer for our sins, showing us what true love looks like.

Holy Spirit, keep us in the true faith so that by it we may further Your kingdom and produce everlasting fruit. Amen.

Hymn – "Jesus, Greatest at the Table" (LSB 446 – Stanza 5)

Jesus gave to His disciples
A commandment that was new:
"Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too."

Devotion by: Matt Sternemann

December 24

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

In the darkness of night, blinding light shone around the shepherds. The angel announced the good news, "For to you is born this night in the city of David, a Savior. He is Christ the Lord!" The echoes of the angels singing "Glory to God in the Highest" have resounded through the ages. God fulfilled His promises. He gave us the gift we needed most – a Savior!

Think about how much God loves you to give you this gift. You may receive other presents this Christmas – perhaps many or few. Some will be meaningful; others you will forget. But this gift, God's gift, is something far more than anything the world can offer.

God so loved the world that He gave... Maybe that is too general. Let's make it more specific. God so loved YOU that He gave His only Son. Even though our world has plunged itself into sin and darkness, God's love for the world prevails as the Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord!

Heavenly Father, Your great love for me and for the world fills our hearts this night. Help us to share the good news of a Savior with everyone You place in our path. May Your light and love shine through our lives so that others can see Jesus – the world's greatest gift. Amen.

Hymn - "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (LSB 571-Stanza 1)

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Devotion by: Pastor Wangelin

December 25

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.

Merry Christmas OSL family!

When I was growing up, Christmas morning was always my favorite morning. I wanted to get up as early as I could, go downstairs, open my stocking, and then wait for the rest of my family to come join me. As the youngest the rule was always, "If you're the first one up, make the coffee." Then the rest of my family would wake up, come downstairs, and we would open presents, enjoy our time together, and then have family over for Christmas breakfast.

Why is Christmas morning so special? Because you get to see the joy of opening presents? Because you get to open that one present you've been eyeing under the tree? Because you get to have the day off, and worry only about family?

Greater than all of these is the gift, given us in the manger 2,000 years ago. No great wrapping paper, no great bow, just a young couple, with their child in a common feeding trough for animals. What does that baby mean for us? Why is it so important that child is born? Because it is the prophesied name, Immanuel, God with us, in the flesh.

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming into our world to be with us, to die for us, and to save us from our sins. Amen.

Hymn - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357 - Stanza 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Devotion by: Pastor Chris

December 26

Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Imagine this with me,

You're driving down the road late at night you are tired. After driving a little while more, you see a glowing sign that reads, MOTEL. God will provide. You drive into the parking lot just to reveal the other sign, NO VACANCY. You are angry, annoyed, ready to scream, but then you look in the back seat. Your wife has finally fallen asleep. The sight of her so peaceful calms you. You think about your lives together, what was, and what is to be. God will provide, He always has, and He always will. He may come in different forms, and for different reasons, but God will provide. Just as He provided His son 2000 years ago.

Dear Lord, I have nothing to ask You today, I just want to thank You for always providing, for me and for my family and friends, we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn - "Away in a Manger" (LSB 364 - Stanza 1)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Devotion by: Zachary Mulvaney

December 27

Luke 2:8

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

If you're a shepherd tending the flocks during the time of Jesus, you are working a 24/7 job. It's not glamorous. You are responsible for tending to the needs of the animals, being outside with them, being dirty and unkempt, leading them to water and areas of pasture for food, protecting them from predators, and shivering with them at night. And yet the angels appeared to the shepherds first, announcing the birth of the Savior. Christmas for all. Christmas not just for the elite, but for the lowly shepherd living a hard life. Christmas not just for those whom society holds in high esteem but Christmas also for the underprivileged. Christmas for all.

It is fitting that the lowly shepherds living out in the fields were the first ones to spread the word of the Savior's birth. After all, Jesus came to earth to do all that the shepherds did – leading all to water and green pastures, protecting all from predators, suffering for all, tending to all our needs, and being on the job 24/7. This is Christmas. Christmas is for all.

Jesus, thank You for coming for all of us. May we celebrate Christmas while spreading this news to all people. Amen.

Hymn - "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (LSB 367 - Stanza 2)

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Devotion by: Dave Wright

December 28

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

This is the greatest flash mob in the history of the world. The shepherds have heard the news told from one angel, one being that was terrifying to them! If you thought that was terrifying, imagine a great company of the heavenly host with the angel. Not only do they appear, they have a choir anthem to sing!

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." The company of the heavenly host proclaim the Glory to God. If you take a look at the organ console, you'll see two new angels, and a sign that says, "Glory to God."

As we celebrate the Christmas season, as we prepare for the rest of the year, and then looking forward to the next calendar year, may our voices join with the company of heaven. In all that we say, in all that we do, may our lives point to God as we proclaim with all the saints here, the saints above, and the entire heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of Jesus. May our voices join the heavenly host, and may our lives point all to You as we proclaim Your glory to the whole world. Amen.

Hymn - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LSB 380 - Stanza 1)

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the-angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Devotion by: Pastor Chris

December 29

Luke 2:15

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

The angel of the Lord announced the to the shepherds "a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord". Why the shepherds? The flocks of sheep the shepherds were watching over may well have been those reserved for temple sacrifice. As lambs were used as sacrifices for the sins of people of that time, Jesus came into the world to be the God's ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may have the gift of eternal life with Him in heaven. Shepherds spent much of their life outside where they could appreciate the handy work of God's creation. So, who better to announce the "Good News" of God's ultimate creation, the birth of Jesus, to than the shepherds. They may not have understood the full significance of Jesus' birth, but they knew that this was a special event. So, they hurried to see and worship this special baby. Jesus came into this world for all. The shepherds were considered some of the lowliest people of that time. By announcing the Jesus' birth first to the shepherds God demonstrated this act of "Love" was for all mankind.

Lord, give us a shepherd's caring heart to seek our Savior, Jesus Christ, and share the "Good News" with others. May everyone know Your love is for all people. Amen.

Hymn - "Angels We Have Heard on High" (LSB 368 - Stanza 3)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Devotion by: Darryl Warncke

December 30

Luke 2:17-18

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

As you read these verses, reflect on how the shepherds responded to the angels. They did not post about the latest virgin "scandal" on Instagram nor did they call in to their favorite podcast about the extraterrestrial beings and their heavenly message.

Instead, the shepherds believed what the angels shared and went to see Jesus. They did not ask the innkeeper about their gossip. Rather, they believed and shared the good news with all they encountered.

Verse 18 says, "all who heard it were amazed." They were stunned. They did not dismiss the good news as an unfounded conspiracy theory. They accepted the information with amazement because they saw the shepherd's faithful conviction.

During Advent we celebrate how God used the common shepherds to spread the good news. Take the opportunity during this celebration to reflect on your conviction of this miraculous story. How is your faithful conviction doing through these challenging times of misinformation and scandalous tweets? How can you use your faithful conviction to spread the Good News?

Dear God, thank You for the Christmas miracle, for sending Jesus to rescue us, and help us to grow in our faithful conviction. Amen.

Hymn - "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (LSB 388 - Stanza 3)

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Devotion by: Jake Kasper

December 31

Luke 2:19

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Today is the last day of 2022. Another year has passed and it is often at that time that we take a few moments to reflect on the events that have transpired over the past year. For Mary, as she sat in a stable over 2,000 years ago, she had much on which to reflect. She was a young, teen-aged girl betrothed to Joseph when the angel Gabriel visited her and told her she would give birth to the Son of God. And when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for the census, they found the only place for them to stay was a stable, where she gave birth to Jesus. Luke tells us that after the shepherds came to the stable, Mary treasured up all the things that happened and pondered them in her heart. She knew what great treasure lay sleeping in that manger, the Son of God, who was sent to earth to be the Savior of all people. As we look back at all that has happened this past year, the blessings and the hardships, may we always treasure the greatest gift we have been given, a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to earth to be the Savior of all people. Like Mary, may we always treasure this gift in our hearts. Amen.

Hymn - "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (LSB 374 - Stanza 1)

Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay the Undefined,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

Devotion by: Carla Kaschinske

Advent Worship Services

Sunday, November 27

"Advent Conspiracy: Worship Fully"
8:30 & 10:30am

Sunday, December 4

"Advent Conspiracy: Spend Less"
8:30 & 10:30am (Communion)

Sunday, December 11

"Advent Conspiracy: Give More"
8:30 & 10:30am

Sunday, December 18

"Advent Conspiracy: Love All"
8:30 & 10:30am (Communion)

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship

"The Great Light"

Saturday, December 24

(Communion at each service)

4pm - Worship Band (In-person)

7pm - Choir, Handbells, Organ (In-person & Online)

10pm - Brass (In-person)

Sunday, December 25

"A Service of Carols"
9:30am (Communion)

Sunday Worship is In-Person & Online

Advent Events

Advent by Candlelight

"Christmas Memories"

Sunday, December 4, 2pm

Advent by Bonfire

Saturday, December 10, 5-8pm

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Saturday, December 17, 5-7pm

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Advent Concert Series

Sunday, December 4, 4pm

Early Childhood & Kindergarten Christmas
Concert
(In-person & Online)

Thursday, December 8 - 7 pm

Christmas Concert with Our Savior
Grades 1-4
(In-person & Online)

Sunday, December 11 - 3 pm

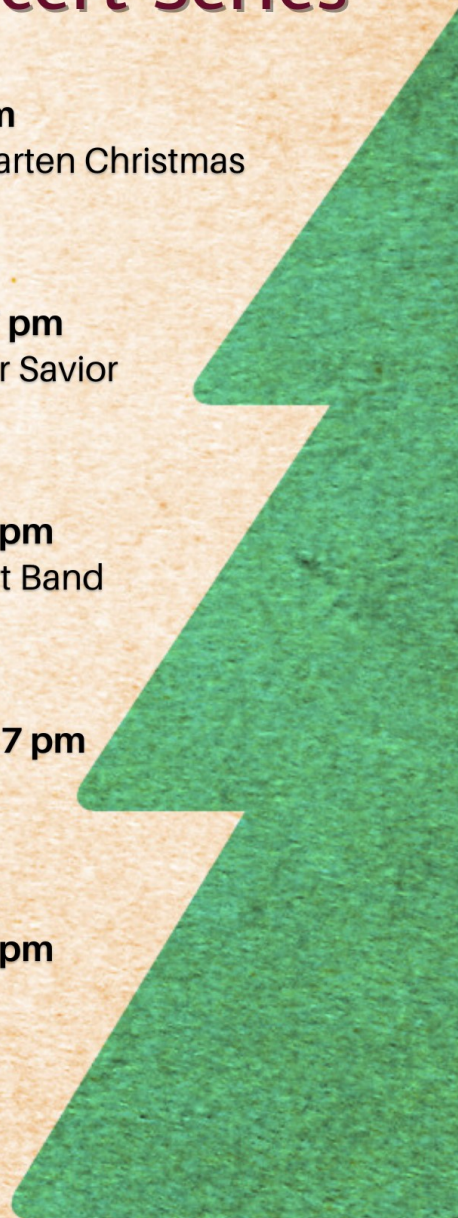
DeWitt Community Concert Band
Christmas Concert
(In-Person)

Thursday, December 15 - 7 pm

Christmas Concert with
Our Savior Grades 5-8
(In-person & Online)

Sunday, December 18 - 3 pm

Delta Community Choir
Christmas Concert
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