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The First Sunday in Advent **8:00 & 10:30 AM** **November 29, 2026**

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Savior of the Nations, Come . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 348 – The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Confession

P: Restore us, O God of hosts.
C: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

P: Give us peace and strength in our days.
C: *Come, Christ Jesus.*

P: Be present with us, and we shall be saved.
C: *Come, Lord Jesus, and do not be slow.*

P: The Lord tells us to be watchful for his coming, keeping our lamps lighted, and our hearts clean. Therefore let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for reflection

C: Gracious God, In this season of longing and preparing, we admit the truth:
We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not even loved ourselves as you do. Forgive us and change us. Stir hope within us again and lead us in your ways. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Absolution

P: God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all. Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Christ who came and will come again.
C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: LSB 338 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:
C: *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Holy Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: *Thanks be to God*

Apostle's 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations Come

Children's Message

Message: God's Work Today, South Africa

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
C: *You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.*
P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
C: *stir up your might and come to save us!*
P: Restore us, O God;
C: *let your face shine, that we may be saved!*
P: O Lord God of hosts,
C: *how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*
P: You have fed them with the bread of tears
C: *and given them tears to drink in full measure.*
P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
C: *and our enemies laugh among themselves.*
P: Restore us, O God of hosts;
C: *let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 343 – Prepare the Royal Highway

Benediction
Postlude: Savior of the Nations, Come . . . R. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by Harry and Tina Roberts.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans next weekend (December 5 & 6) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a "thank you" for being here!

ALTAR GUILD: We are seeking volunteers to set up and take down communion at the Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. Sign an attendance card if you can help, and you will be contacted.

PLEDGE CARDS: Pledge cards for 2027 are available on the table in the church entrance or the desk in the office.

MONDAY BIBLE CLASS: The Monday afternoon women's Bible class will be on break for 2 weeks and resume December 14th. New ladies are always welcome!

VOTER'S MEETING: Our annual Voter's Meeting is this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. All confirmed members are invited to attend.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, December 5, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

CAROLS AND CRAFTS: Join us at 9:30 a.m. at Ebenezer (1127 S. 35th St.), on December 5 to sing and entertain the breakfast guests with carols and crafts!

ADVENT: We will have three Advent services, on Wednesday, December 2, December 9, and December 16 at 7:15 p.m. December 16 will be our annual hymn sing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: See the table for the display of our new lenticular Christmas card for 2026! A free-will offering benefiting The Word Today is encouraged. Cards are in packs of 10 or singles can be taken.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for **Surviving the Holidays** on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on "find a group" and you will see Our Shepherd's listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend.

On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 13th, at the 10:30 service, we will have our Christmas Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. A brass quintet will perform along with the voice and bell choirs of Our Shepherd. Come and enjoy this special service glorifying God through music!

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, December 19, 2026, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

POINSETTIAS: Please sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant to decorate the altar for Christmas. You may take the plants home after the Christmas morning service. Pricing and plant styles are listed on the sheets posted in the narthex.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Once again this year, we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Ebenezer Food Pantry. The food will be taken and given to people in need shortly before the Christmas holiday. You can start bringing in food anytime and leave it in the narthex, along the bulletin board.

Most needed items: Canned fruit (all kinds), Pasta (spaghetti, mac, etc.), pasta sauce, cold and hot cereal, white and brown rice, lentils, canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, ramen noodles (chicken and beef), sides (Rice-a-Roni, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, etc.), Mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned beans (all kinds), Chef Boyardee (spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.), canned beef stew, Manwich, chili with and without beans, fruit juice (bottles and boxes)

The following personal hygiene items are most needed: Soap (bar and bottled), shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, feminine products, and razors.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women's Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Manipuri (Northeast India)

"I am very happy that for the first time I heard the TWR broadcasts. The Word Today program on the topic of 'praise' touched my heart deeply. I understood that we must always praise God in every situation. The verse from 1 Chronicles 16:34, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever,' spoke strongly to me. I now desire to live a life of thanksgiving and praise to God. I am thankful to TWR for sharing the good news of God through these messages. Please pray for my spiritual growth."

Konkani (Western India)

"I thank God for sending his servant to our home with a message through the radio. Today's topic on The Word Today was from Proverbs 31, and it helped me understand my responsibilities toward my husband and children. I had never understood the depth of a woman's role in the family. After listening to the message, I realized how to care, guide, and love my family better. It encouraged me to live with more wisdom and grace. This knowledge changed my attitude and approach at home. I'm thankful to God for this learning. I also thank the brother who gave me the radio. I am grateful for the radio ministry."