

*We thank our pianists:  
4:15 - Darci Matzke  
6:30 - Amibeth Olderman.*

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Welcome to our guests.  
We hope God's Word has helped you focus on the one thing  
needful - faith in Jesus Christ as the world's only Savior.

**ALL are invited to join us for a Potluck meal  
served between services today.**

*Thank you to everyone that provided the food  
and helped with this meal.*

Next week's meal is being hosted by Erin Lohmeier.

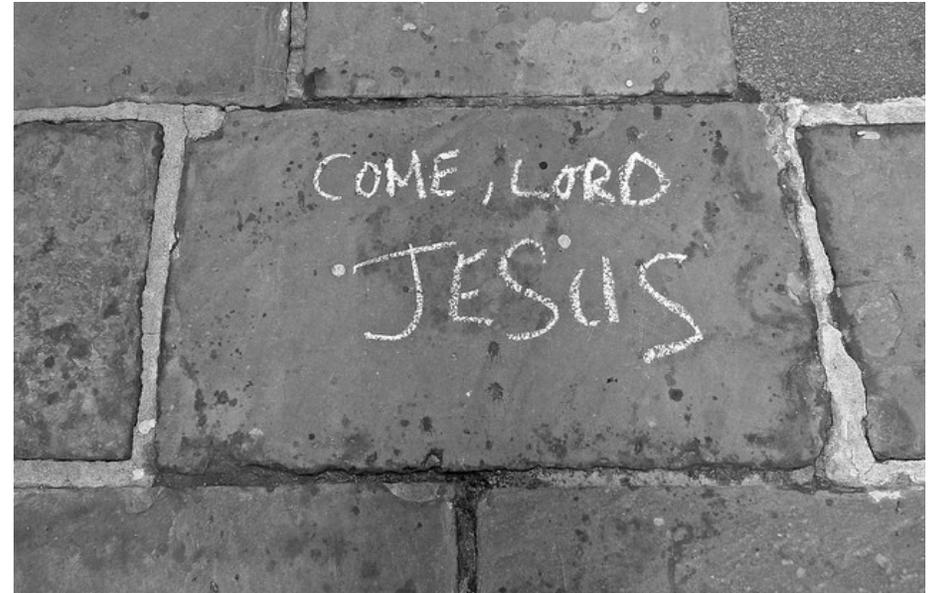
Please join us next week Wednesday as we  
continue our Advent worship with a theme of  
"Come and Comfort" based on Isaiah 40:1-11.

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**\*\*\*REMINDERS FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND\*\*\***

- **Ladies Advent by Candlelight on Sunday:** For those ladies that signed up to attend, the fellowship doors will open at 2:00pm for a brief social time. Desserts and beverages will be served at about 2:20pm, followed by the program "A Mother Remembers".
- **Open Forums: Sunday** between services and Monday evening following the 6:30pm worship
- **Voter's Meeting** is on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm.

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**“Come and Make All Things Right!”**

**Advent Wednesday Worship  
December 6, 2017  
4:15 pm & 6:30pm**

**Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017**

*Welcome to our Advent Worship! This evening we adapt the "Order of Evening Prayer", in Christian Worship found on page 52. "Evening Prayer" is based on the historic service called "Vespers". Christians gather at the end of the day in thankful praise and prayer.*

We interrupt our busy schedules to join with one another in quiet Advent reflection on the Triune God. The mood is one of sublime joy, and yet somewhat subdued, humbly grateful, and definitely prayerful. For we draw close to the comforting and ever-present Christ and His Word. He teaches us to wait on Him and prepares us for a faith-filled Christmas.

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**Opening Hymn #1: "The Advent of our King"**

**Altar Service (pages 52-54)**

**All Sing: "Let My Prayer Rise Before You" (page 55)**

**Psalm #2 (page #65)**

**Psalm Prayer - All speak "Amen"**

**Advent Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-8**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**Advent Response:**

***The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come Lord Jesus, Come.***

**Hymn #2: "Savior of the Nations Come"**

**Today's Advent Message:**

**"Come Lord Jesus.... Come and Make All Things Right!"**

**All Sing: "Song of Mary" (page 57)**

**Offering**

**Advent Prayer:**

P: O Advent King, strengthen us that we may praise You.

**C: Lord Jesus, help us to see your grace to us each day.**

P: While we enjoy all the preparations for Christmas, help us also see your cross. This is a time for us to remind each other of how much we need you, and the blessings you alone can bring.

**C: Forgive us for our divided hearts. We so easily measure our joy in ways far removed from your saving love.**

P: You promise your Holy Spirit to help us. At this time we ask you to especially give us the Spirit's gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

**C: Fill our minds with wisdom so we may understand our times in this world. Fill our mouths with your words, so you may prepare our hearts and the hearts of others. Fill our hearts with your passion for souls, so we may be ready to give an answer for our hope in Christ our Savior.**

P: Even if we race toward Christmas, grant it that we focus on you. Lead us to repent daily and return to the good news of our redemption as our greatest joy. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful and give hope to the despairing.

**C: Lead us into your Word and fill us with your peace.**

P: Father, direct our eyes also to the skies where we will see your son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of Lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory, in your name we pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**All Sing: "Song of Simeon" (page 61)**

**Blessing - all sing the "Amen"**