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FROM THE PASTOR *Bishop and Christian**

As the days continue to get shorter and the hours of light fewer, the busyness picks up. Many people dread the holiday season, because it reminds them of loved ones who have died, family strife, the stresses of buying gifts and preparing meals. But something I love about Advent and Christmas services is that they slow us down. They make us take time out to meditate and think about what these seasons are really about. "Jesus is the reason for the season" may have become a trite, greeting-card platitude, but it tries to get at the importance of the "Christ" in "Christ-mass." And Jesus is not only the reason for this season, He is the reason why there is anything at all, rather than nothing. Even the label "X-mas" cannot get away from Him. The letter "X" is really a Greek letter pronounced "kee." It is the first letter of "Christ" in Greek [Χριστός].

We will have many opportunities for you to celebrate Jesus' coming (and anticipate His coming again), as well as the Mass of Christ on December 24 and 25:

Advent services will be held on **Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16** at 7 pm. The **children's program** will be on **Sunday, December 13** at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve service of Readings and Hymns will be **Thursday, December 24** at 7 pm. On **Christmas Day**, the **Divine Service** will be at **9:30 am**. (If you will have family members in town with whom I have not previously spoken, I would be happy to talk with them prior to Christmas Day service regarding our Communion practice. Thank you.)

On **New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31)**, or what is known on the Church Calendar as the Eve of the Naming/Circumcision of Jesus, the **Divine Service** will be at **7 pm**. Join us as we celebrate our Savior's first coming, and anticipate in hope His second coming!

--Pr. Winterstein

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**St. Augustine (354-430 AD), Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, said, "For you I am a bishop [overseer]; with you I am a Christian."*

Quote for the Month

Christmas Poem—G.K. Chesterton

There fared a mother driven forth
 Out of an inn to roam;
 In the place where she was homeless
 All men are at home.
 The crazy stable close at hand,
 With shaking timber and shifting sand,
 Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand
 Than the square stones of Rome.

For men are homesick in their homes,
 And strangers under the sun,
 And they lay their heads in a foreign land
 Whenever the day is done.

Here we have battle and blazing eyes,
 And chance and honour and high surprise,
 But our homes are under miraculous skies
 Where the yule tale was begun.

A child in a foul stable,
 Where the beasts feed and foam;
 Only where He was homeless
 Are you and I at home;
 We have hands that fashion and heads that know,
 But our hearts we lost---how long ago!
 In a place no chart nor ship can show
 Under the sky's dome.

This world is wild as an old wife's tale,
 And strange the plain things are,
 The earth is enough and the air is enough
 For our wonder and our war;
 But our rest is as far as the fire-drake swings
 And our peace is put in impossible things
 Where clashed and thundered unthinkable wings
 Round an incredible star.



To an open house in the evening
 Home shall all men come,
 To an older place than Eden
 And a taller town than Rome.
 To the end of the way of the wandering star,
 To the things that cannot be and that are,
 To the place where God was homeless
 And all men are at home.

Deadline for next newsletter is December 15

Please place any items for the January 2016
Foundations of Faith newsletter in Lorna & Jerry
 Tangren's church mailbox, or e-mail to
kloshe@icloud.com.

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 congregation of the Northwest District of the
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**Serving the Lord with Gladness
Women's Circle**

~ Holiday News ~

Praise The Lord for helping hands and hearts at the LWML WA/AK District Meetings on November 6th – 7th! From preparing, serving, set-up and clean-up for two lunches and one dinner required many workers for Christ and I cannot thank everyone enough. Thank you, thank you!

December 1—Our regular Women’s Circle meeting with a yummy COOKIE EXCHANGE! Please bring 2 dozen cookies or more to enjoy and trade. We have lots of fun, fellowship, and holiday activities! Extra cookies will be served at our Advent Service Coffee/Cookie fellowships.

Devotion: “*Mountaintop Journeys with Jesus: Mountaintop of Revelation.*” There will be no business meeting. Newcomers are welcome! The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall at our usual time from 7 – 9 p.m.

December 2, 9, 16: Coffee and cookie fellowship following the Advent Services. Take time to pause and reflect while enjoying some delicious Christmas treats.

December 5: The 38th Annual Advent Brunch starting from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

December 12 (Saturday): Annual Progressive Dinner. This FUN and DELICIOUS event is for all adults in the congregation! This event begins at 5 p.m. as we all gather at the church for appetizers and fellowship. At 5:45 p.m. we progress to host-homes and enjoy dinner in groups of 6-12 until 7:15 p.m. We will then progress back again to the church for yummy desserts, singing Christmas songs, to enjoy a white-elephant gift exchange. It is truly a guaranteed blast! Please sign-up at the church Kiosk in the Narthex by December 1st. We need

ANNOUNCEMENTS

lots of participation to continue this as an annual event.

Women’s Circle appreciates all of the congregational support for the holiday activities we are hosting and encourage your participation as we anticipate the coming of our Lord.



Evangelism Notes

Greeters for upcoming December/Christmas/ New Year services would be greatly appreciated. May our Father bless all of you who welcome us at every service!

December day of Prayer will be Thursday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

January day of Prayer will be Thursday, January 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

December Tool of Evangelism

We use the Advent Wreath as a traditional tool to anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The circle illustrates God’s ongoing plan for our salvation. Each week we light one candle to count down and enhance our understanding and celebration of the birth of our Savior. You may clip out and use the guide on page 11.

From the Evangelism Committee

Our monetary offerings	
October 2015 offerings	\$18,272.00
Jan-Oct 2015 offerings	\$194,044.47
2015 budget (10/12 months)	\$216,630.00

**He's Alive
2015 Children's Christmas Program**

Practices on December 6 during Sunday School, and December 12 from 10:00 am - noon.

The Program will be Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 pm

Children, please be here by 3:30.

Stay and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies following the program.

Anyone needing rides may contact the church office.



K - 2nd grade Sunday School

The Sheep of His Pasture

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68

Ava Langford has joined us and she is a joy and a help! She loves to help put things away at the close of our time together.

Cyrus often does his craft pages while he is sitting on my lap. He was very insistent on our Passover Lesson; that he have heart stickers for his project! Ava looked *diligently* for as many "heart" stickers as she could find for him! Salem helped her; it was such a loving effort to witness.

Their eyes got big as we talked about the Passover and the picture of Christ it represents. They know that God is for them.

At closing, every child had someone they wanted to remember in prayer- this continued for a LONG time!

So what does this mean?

Our children are reborn in Christ, they trust His Word; and God works through them in exercising their faith- in love for one another!

November will have projects that reflect a spirit of Thankfulness, with a focus on the reason we are Lutheran.... "Christ at the Center!"

Pax Domini

... means "The Peace of the Lord"

Mrs. Lorna

JOHN 1: 1-14

Epic! (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org)

I LOVE THE PROLOGUE IN JOHN! IT'S SO MYSTERIOUS -- IT'S PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS!



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY...

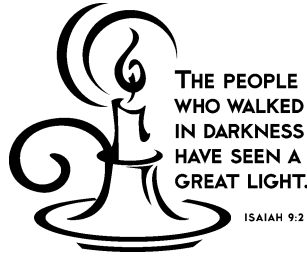


YEAHHH -- THAT'S THE WRONG PROLOGUE.



JOHN 1:1-14

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DECEMBER 2015

Worship Servants

<i>Date</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
2		Dan Gambill, Joe Tensmeyer		Lorna Osborne	
6	Bob Brunner, Carl Ericksen, Mark Maydole	Gary Fischer		Laura Cornwall	Lavonne Grashuis
9		Ray Hinderer, Merle Wischnofske		Laura Cornwall	
13		Eric Loeb sack, Jesse Erdmann	Millie Fortner	Susan Rumble	the Loeb sacks
16		Dewey Stedman, Jerry Tangren		Lorna Osborne	
20	Jerry Tangren, Mark Maydole, Carl Ericksen	Tom Watson		Laura Cornwall	the Loeb sacks
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service		Jerry Tangren, Carl Ericksen		Laura Cornwall	the Siltmans
25 Christmas Day Worship with Communion	Carl Ericksen, Bob Brunner, Jerry Tangren			Lorna Osborne	Eva Williams, Gary Bussell
27				Lorna Osborne	
31 New Year's Eve Service with Communion	Bob Brunner, Mark Maydole, Carl Ericksen			Laura Cornwall	the Brunners

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

Regular Weekly Events

9:30 am Worship/Communion
11 am Sunday School/
 Program Practice
11 am Adult Bible Class



8:30-11:30 am
 Pre-K
11:30 am
 S.A.I.L. Exercise
12-3 pm
 Pre-K

9 am-12
 Preschool
12:30-3 pm
 Preschool

8:30-11:30 am
 Pre-K
11:30 am
 S.A.I.L. Exercise
12-3 pm
 Pre-K
2:00 pm
 Bible Study
6 pm Bible Study
6 pm Faith
 Builders/ Confirmation
7 pm Advent Worship,
 12/2, 9, 16
 (cookies and coffee follow)

9 am-12
 Preschool
9:30 am Tabitha
9:30-11 am
 Parent Toddlers
12:30-3 pm
 Preschool
6 pm Choir

7 am Men's
 Breakfast &
 Bible Study
8:30-11:30 am
 Pre-K
9 am Ladies
 Bible Study
11:30 am
 S.A.I.L. Exercise
12-3 pm Pre-K

First Sunday in Advent

Dec 2015

1
 2 pm Naomi
7 pm LWML
 Women's Circle
 Cookie Exchange

2
9 am MOPS
 Steering Comm

3
11:30 am
-2:30 pm
Prayer Vigil

4
 Brunch setup

5
10 am Womens'
 Advent Brunch


Second Sunday in Advent








6
 Worship with Communion

9
9 am MOPS

10
11am Tabitha
 Christmas Party

11
7 - 9 pm MOPS

12
10 - noon
 Children's
 Program Practice
5 - 9 pm
 Progressive
 Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Third Sunday in Advent:  4 pm Children's Christmas Program	14	15 2 pm Naomi <i>January newsletter deadline</i>	16	17 6 pm Preschool Christmas Program	18 6 pm Pre-K Christmas Program	19
Fourth Sunday in Advent: 20 Worship with Communion	21 21	22 22	23  23 Church Office Closed 7:30 pm Candlelight Worship	24 Church Office Closed 7:30 pm Candlelight Worship	25 9:30 am Worship with Communion	26 
First Sunday after Christmas: 27 	28 28	29 29	30 30	31 7:30 pm Worship	New Year's Eve 7:30 pm Worship 	31 31

***“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1: 21***

Birthdays

Carson Dillard	12/1
Hannah Johnson	12/4
Jim Kaiser	12/4
Madison Smith	12/6
Elmer Haight, Jr.	12/7
Marita Hinderer	12/7
Nick Siltman	12/7
Jill Loesack	12/10
Justin Weeks	12/10
Lorna Osborne	12/11
Alexis Fischer	12/11
Caleb Visser	12/12
Aaron Lesky	12/13
Tammy Morris	12/13
Olivia Goodwan	12/13
Rachel Lotts	12/15
Carol Trunzo	12/15
Gary Fischer	12/15
Emma Le Roy	12/15
Marilyn Delzer	12/16
Cheyenne Lesky	12/19
Nancy Loesack	12/20
Diana Melius	12/20
Dewey Stedman	12/27

Les Sickles	12/29
Flo Brunner	12/31

Baptismal anniversaries

Jan Berg	12/1
Harlan Heuer	12/1
Caitlin Schauer	12/1
Adam Melius	12/2
Aspen Titus	12/7
Diana Melius	12/8
Donaji Maydole	12/9
Nick Siltman	12/9
Morgan Garcia	12/9
Zach Visser	12/10
Cindy Hinderer	12/10
Patti Ganyo	12/12
Ron Colwell	12/14
Cynthia Leishman	12/14
Larry Melcher	12/16
Susan Rumble	12/17
Anna Lotts	12/21
Les Sickles, Jr.	12/23
Anika Garcia	12/26
Claire High	12/26

Pam Dais	12/29
Glenn Woods	12/29

Wedding anniversaries

Larry & Maxine Melcher	12/1
Elmer & Dorothy Haight	12/2
Joseph & Elisabeth Tatusko	12/3
Harley & JoAnn Maydole	12/6
Brian & Rachel Grindle	12/16
Dennis & Rachel Lotts	12/18
Al & Jan Berg	12/20
Ken & Karen Bailey	12/22
Conrad & Diana Melius	12/22
Gary & Becky Fischer	12/28
Dean & Lorna Osborne	12/31

Three Books, a review**The Liturgical Life**

Harold Senkbeil, *Dying to Live: the Power of Forgiveness*, Concordia Publishing House, 1994.

Harold Senkbeil, *Sanctification: Christ in Action*, Northwestern Publishing House, 1989.

Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, revised edition, 1973.

Dying to Live and *Sanctification* would both be included in a short list of books that have most influenced me. *Dying to Live* builds on *Sanctification*, which is essentially his doctoral thesis. Dr. Senkbeil's project was to investigate

how Lutherans could be more like modern day evangelicals. However, the more he explored the differences, the more he uncovered treasures intrinsic to Lutherans.

Dr. Senkbeil divides *Dying to Live* into three parts. The first is the Incarnational Foundation of the Christian Life: God became man and died for all humans. Our life in Christ is the death of our old man buried with the crucified Christ, and the life of our new man in the resurrected Christ. The second is the Sacramental Focus our lives take in Baptism, Absolution of sins, and the Holy Supper.

The third part is perhaps the most thought provoking, the Liturgical Shape of the Christian

Life. Who would think our lives could be shaped liturgically? But what is liturgy but an entering into Christ, a new beginning? Dr. Senkbeil found the insights described by Schmemmann, an eastern Orthodox theologian, directly applicable to the Christian Life. Our liturgy handed down to us through the centuries of Christian history and tradition is just that, a structure of an end and the subsequent entering into a life in Christ. When we see our lives as an end, and a new beginning, it takes on a liturgical shape.

Not only do our lives together take a liturgical shape in the divine service, they also take shape in our private prayers. Following the Scriptural examples from Christ, David, and

others, our prayers can take on a shape with an end followed by a beginning in Christ.

However, it's in our vocations, our daily lives, the liturgical shape becomes especially relevant, "The love which prompts us to thankful service to others is not our own...It is the life which Christ lives in us. And since it is Christ's life, it is a holy life."

When we realize our life is in Christ, and it involves an end, a death, our old man, and a beginning, a new man in Christ, our lives become liturgical.

--Jerry Tangren

blogs.lcms.org/2015/synod-walks-with-german-partner

A mission field comes to you

While an LCMS communications team was in Germany in mid-November, France fell victim to a multi-strike terror attack launched by ISIS. Yet, in the shadow of these events, the bright light of the Gospel shines in the darkness as our LCMS partner-church body, the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK), cares for the stranger in their midst.

With more than a million Middle Eastern asylum-seekers flooding into Europe, a new mission field is growing exponentially for the SELK, a church body that has been actively receiving refugees and catechizing them for decades.

Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has authorized \$100,000 from donated mercy funds through the Office of International Mission (OIM) to support SELK congregations in providing food, shelter, transportation, language instruction and the proclamation of the Gospel to people once considered impossible to reach. For good reason, the Church continues to confess that "nothing will be impossible with God" ([Luke 1:37](#)).

A mission field comes to you

The Rev. Thomas Seifert, pastor of Paul-Gerhardt Gemeinde (congregation) in Braunschweig, Germany, began his ministry to the refugees in 2012. Seifert said he is happy and amazed for the miracle that is bringing these people from countries closed off to Christianity to Germany, where the Gospel is freely preached.

"It's such a chance as a missionary — you say 'oh, what beautiful times' — they are coming [to Germany] in crowds," said Seifert. "'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations' [[Matt. 28:19](#)] — it's easy to do when they are coming to you."

Seifert's efforts are part of the SELK's growing mission work throughout refugee camps, including those in Berlin, Leipzig, Hannover, Düsseldorf and elsewhere in Germany.

--Roger Drinnon, LCMS

www.lutheransforlife.org
"Life Quotes"

December 6 "Why was God's Son in a manger, a feeding trough for animals? Because He is the Bread of Life, spiritual food for starving mankind. So the True Bread from Heaven is first encountered by humble shepherds in a place where food is placed for animals, in Bethlehem, which means 'House of Bread.' What's more, the Good Shepherd was found by the shepherds!"
James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James

December 13 "He whom nothing can contain has been contained in a womb. He is in the Father's bosom and His Mother's embrace. How can this be, but as He knows and willed and was well pleased. Fleshless as He was, He willingly took flesh. And He Who Is became what He was not, for us. And while departing not from His own nature, He shared in our nature's substance."

So Christ was born with dual natures, wishing to replenish the world on high. Christ is born! Glorify Him!" *Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia*

December 20 "I encourage you to look upon the little hands [of baby Jesus] and remember they will be pierced to save you. See His beautiful brow and recall how it will be crowned with thorns. Listen to His first cry and hear that cry echo, 33 years later, upon Calvary's cross as He proclaims our salvation is finished." *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus on "The Lutheran Hour"*

December 27 "Satan would love us to believe that the Herod-like destruction of unborn children and the abuse of women through this destruction are political issues and do not belong in the Church. But that is precisely where they do belong! We have the Gospel, the only message that can shatter the darkness and bring hope."
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life

Encourage for Today; Hope for Tomorrow

THANKSGIVING IS 'THANKS'LIVING

2 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, "In EVERYTHING give thanks for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus." (emphasis mine)

We have so much to give thanks for to our risen Christ!! To be thankful for His blessings and not take them for granted; it is so very important to thank our Lord every day for all that He showers upon us!!

Along with blessings, we may encounter situations that may cause us to wonder why trials and testings are mixed with our many blessings. We would like every day to be a bed of roses, but, as Scripture tells us in James 1 and 1 Peter 1, they come to shape and hone our faith in Jesus Christ and draw us nearer to Him!

Let us, most of all, give thanks—daily—to our Lord for the great gift of salvation! Let us continually offer up praise—daily—for all Christ has done for us!! Let EVERY day be a day for 'thanks'living!

Glenn V Woods
Motivational Dynamics

[Psalm 85:2](#) [Psalm 100:4](#) [2 Corinthians 2:14](#)
[Hebrews 13:15](#)



Good news on whole grains and coffee
Parish Nurse News

We are coming in the season where there may be more food choices all around, some more healthy than others. It is very difficult to always say no to everything. But try to check your calendar and see what is coming up during the weeks ahead. If you can, eat a little less every day, maybe 100 calories. Then, when the family get-togethers happen, you can feel comfortable in choosing some food items or beverages you may not normally have a chance to try, then enjoy. Try not to go anywhere starving, and try sparkling flavored waters. They are quite good. If asked to bring something, nuts, dried fruit plates or fresh fruit are great tasty, and healthy choices-if you so wish. Getting out for a walk around the block will be good for the whole family. Just a reminder, with the little ones and pets, keep the tinsel and glass ornaments up a little higher. They are so tempting to both.

Lots of people like to drink beer, and those with gout may be concerned whether or not they can still drink. Doctors are first concerned that you get your gout under control. That means that your uric acid in the blood is at a safe level. Stay hydrated and then most importantly taking a uric acid lowering medication. When your doctor feels you have done this, you will be able to continue to drink. But remember - everything in moderation.

We all hate getting on the scale, but Reader's Digest printed an article written by the Physicians from "THE DOCTORS."

7 Reason's Your Scale Might be Wrong

1. You weigh yourself on different days
2. You miscalculate your clothing
3. You don't factor in muscle gain. Muscle takes up less space, but weighs more than fat.
4. You just guzzled water. It is called water weight for a reason; drinking 16oz of water can add up to about a pound of weight. Don't worry - just temporary.
5. You weigh yourself after an intense workout.
6. You indulged in a high-carb or high-sodium meal.
7. You're constipated-Being backed up for a couple of days can add up from one to four pounds.



Carol Trunzo
Health News

ADVENT WREATH

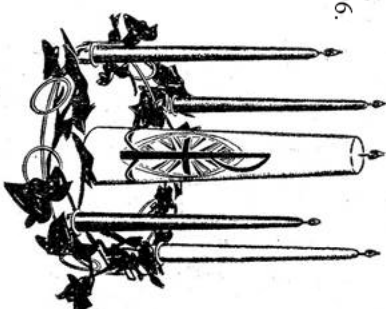
Week 1: Light a *purple* (Prophecy/Hope) candle and thank our Father that as sinners He promised from the beginning in the Garden to send for us a Savior: our Lord, Jesus Christ. Read Romans 15:8-13.

Week 2: Light a 2nd *purple* (Bethlehem/Preparation) candle and praise and thank our Father for He kept His promise of a Savior for us. Read Isaiah 40:1-8.

Week 3: Light a *pink* (Joy) candle and rejoice that our Father sent messengers to foretell and announce His coming gift of our Savior. Read Luke 3:2-6.

Week 4: Light a 3rd *purple* (Angel /Love) candle and praise our Father that He indeed is faithful and that His dear Son, our Savior, has come! Read John 3:16-20.

Christmas Day-New Year: Light the *white center* (Christ's) candle and rejoice in our Savior. Pray that our Trine God keeps us firm in a saving faith. Read Luke 2:1-20; read Psalm 96.



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Worship Services are held
every Sunday at 9:30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated
the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Coffee Fellowship begins at 10:45 am

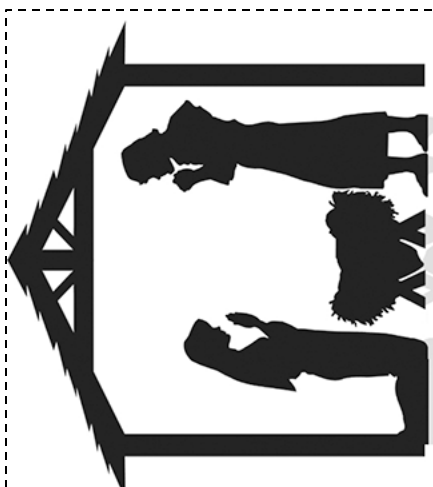
Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
begin at 11:00 am

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Help Us Celebrate

Mid-week Advent
Dec 2, 9, & 16
@7 PM

coffee & cookies following

Children's Program
Dec 13 @4 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Dec 24 @7:30 PM

Christmas Day
Dec 25 @9:30 AM
with Communion

New Years' Eve
Dec 31 @7:30 PM

Advent Wreath Resources:
Lutheran Worship Bk 1982,
www.FirstLuth.com LCMS,
and www.lcms.org