# ADVENT FOR ALL

RESOURCES FOR CELEBRATING ADVENT WITH ALL AGES

Saint Luke's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## INSTRUCTIONS

SCAN THE QR CODES IN THIS BOOKLET WITH A PHONE OR TABLET CAMERA. YOU SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO THE APPROPRIATE WEBSITE.

# ADVENT

## A QUICK HISTORY

ADVENT, (FROM LATIN ADVENTUS, “COMING”), IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR, THE PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS AND ALSO OF PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. IN WESTERN CHURCHES, ADVENT BEGINS ON THE SUNDAY NEAREST TO NOVEMBER 30 (ST. ANDREW’S DAY) AND IS THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR. IN MANY EASTERN CHURCHES, THE NATIVITY FAST IS A SIMILAR PERIOD OF PENANCE AND PREPARATION THAT OCCURS DURING THE 40 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE DATE WHEN THE SEASON WAS FIRST OBSERVED IS UNCERTAIN. BISHOP PERPETUUS OF TOURS (461–490) ESTABLISHED A FAST BEFORE CHRISTMAS THAT BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 11 (ST. MARTIN’S DAY), AND THE COUNCIL OF TOURS (567) MENTIONED AN ADVENT SEASON.

THE LITURGICAL MEANING OF THE ADVENT SEASON REFERRED TO THE DUAL “COMING” OF JESUS—THEN ROMAN CATHOLICISM THE TRADITIONAL LITURGICAL COLOUR FOR ADVENT IS VIOLET; MANY PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS HAVE ADOPTED BLUE OR PURPLE. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, KNOWN AS GAUDETE SUNDAY, IS COMMONLY MARKED BY THE USE OF ROSE-COLOURED VESTMENTS AND CANDLES.

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# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

## ADVENT SERVICES

THE WEDNESDAY SERVICES ARE VERY MUSICAL AND CONTAIN A SHORT DEVOTIONAL READING. THEY HELP US PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S INCARNATION!

**ADVENT 1** | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | 9:30* AM |

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 11:30 AM

**ADVENT 2** | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 9:30* AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 6:30 PM

**ADVENT 3** | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 9:30* AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 11:30 AM

**ADVENT 4** | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 9:30* AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 6:30 PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 4:00* & 6:30 PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY

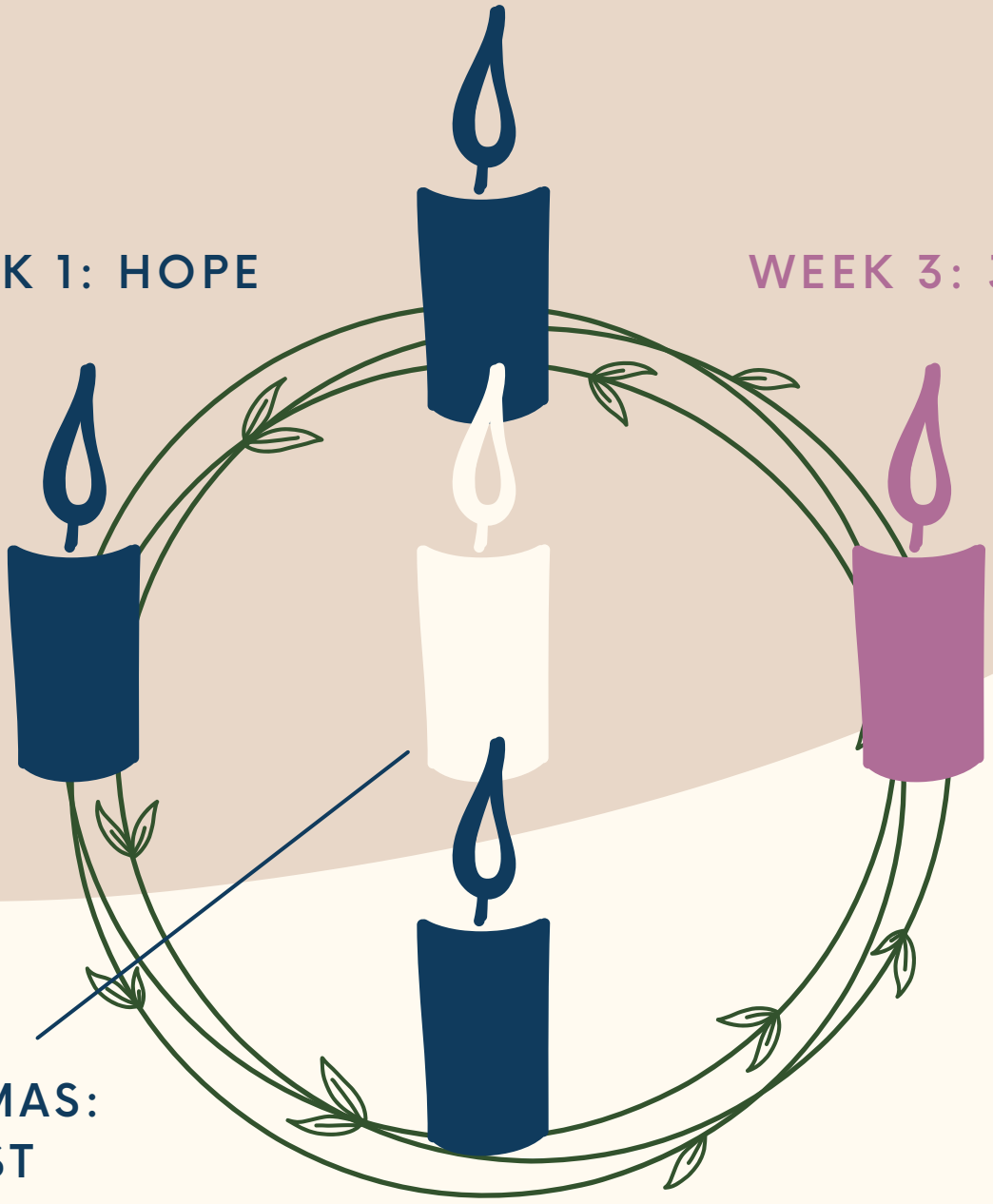
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 | 9:30* AM

* INDICATES WHEN CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

WEEK 2: LOVE

WEEK 1: HOPE

WEEK 3: JOY



CHRISTMAS: CHRIST

WEEK 4: PEACE

# ADVENT WREATH

BLUE FOR THE NIGHT OF WAITING
ROSE FOR A GLIMMER OF JOY
WHITE FOR THE LIGHT OF JESUS

(YOU CAN FIND WREATHS ONLINE OR IN STORES - OR YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN!)

# *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



PIANO ONLY

WITH LYRICS

(ADD ONE VERSE EACH WEEK AS YOU LIGHT YOUR ADVENT CANDLES)

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH: LET THE LIGHT BANISH DARKNESS. HE SHALL BRING SALVATION TO ISRAEL, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISE.

LIGHT TWO CANDLES TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH: LET THE LIGHT BANISH DARKNESS. HE SHALL FEED THE FLOCK LIKE A SHEPHERD, GENTLY LEAD THEM HOMEWARD.

LIGHT THREE CANDLES TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH: LET THE LIGHT BANISH DARKNESS. LIFT YOUR HEADS AND LIFT HIGH THE GATEWAY FOR THE KING OF GLORY.

LIGHT FOUR CANDLES TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH: LET THE LIGHT BANISH DARKNESS. HE IS COMING, TELL THE GLAD TIDINGS. LET YOUR LIGHTS BE SHINING.

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

COLLECT THESE ITEMS, THEN
DONATE THEM ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

DEC 1: BOX OF CEREAL
DEC 2: PEANUT BUTTER
DEC 3: STUFFING MIX
DEC 4: BOXED POTATOES
DEC 5: MACARONI AND CHEESE
DEC 6: CANNED FRUIT
DEC 7: CANNED TOMATOES
DEC 8: CANNED TUNA
DEC 9: DESSERT MIX
DEC 10: JAR OF APPLESAUCE
DEC 11: CANNED SWEET POTATOES
DEC 12: CRANBERRY SAUCE
DEC 13: CANNED BEANS
DEC 14: BOX OF CRACKERS
DEC 15: PACKAGE OF RICE
DEC 16: PACKAGE OF OATMEAL
DEC 17: PACKAGE OF PASTA
DEC 18: SPAGHETTI SAUCE
DEC 19: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
DEC 20: TOMATO SOUP
DEC 21: CANNED CORN
DEC 22: CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES
DEC 23: CANNED CARROTS
DEC 24: CANNED GREEN BEANS

# ADVENT

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL & VIDEO FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

## WEEK 1: HOPE

## WEEK 2: LOVE

## WEEK 3: JOY

## WEEK 4: PEACE

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# ADVENT

DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER CHILDREN

## WHAT IS ADVENT?

## WEEK 1: HOPE

## WEEK 2: LOVE

## WEEK 3: JOY

## WEEK 4: PEACE

# ADVENT

THEME VIDEOS & DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

## ADVENT STORY & COLORING DEVOTIONAL PRINTOUT

## WEEK 1: HOPE

WE HOPE FOR JESUS' RETURN!

## WEEK 2: LOVE

WE LOVE AS JESUS LOVES!

## WEEK 3: JOY

WE CHOOSE TO HAVE JOY!

## WEEK 4: PEACE

WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!

# CHRISTMAS

VIDEOS & DEVOTIONAL

## THE SHEPHERD

A special episode of
The Chosen

## JESUS IS BORN

video for kids

## BIRTH OF JESUS

devotional + video for
youth & adults

# THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH

## Luke 2 | CEV

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, “Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay.”

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:
“Praise God in heaven!
Peace on earth to everyone
who pleases God.”

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about.” They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.