

The Evangelical Covenant Church believes the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct. We believe in the necessity of the New Birth, and a continuing life in fellowship with our Living Lord, Jesus Christ.

We believe that the fellowship of Christians strengthens us for the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is our task until the return of our Lord.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Dinners:** Our Advent Dinners will continue this Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. A brief devotion and prayer will follow.

**Christmas Card Tree:** If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to the members and friends of the church please place your card in the basket in the narthex.

**Thank You:** Thank you for all the prayers and concerns while I was recuperating. It was so appreciated.

Bob & Barb Person

**Thank You:** Thank you for so many things you all have done for Lorey and I. The cards, prayers, food, and love have meant more than we can say. We know this is a "journey" but thanks for sharing it with us.

Delmer Wadell

**Poinsettias:** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our sanctuary please place your completed order form in the basket in the narthex by tomorrow, December 5, 2016.



December 4, 2016

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome

## We Gather in God's Name

The Second Advent Candle

The second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as a symbol of proclamation. May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

## We Prepare Our Hearts

\*Blue Hymnal #120 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

\*Invocation and *"Advent Lord's Prayer"*

## We Hear God's Word

Isaiah 40:1-9 Old Testament, p. 780

Mark 1:1-8 New Testament, p. 47

Choir *"Glory to the Newborn King Medley"*  
(*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / A Song to Sing / Angels, from the Realms of Glory*)

**Message:** "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Blue Hymnal #135 *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*  
Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Holy Communion (Apostles Creed #878)

## We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

\*Hymnal #188 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

\*Blessing

\*Stand if you are able

# Update

Week of December 4 - December 11, 2016

**Sunday, December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM ..... Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM .....Worship/Communion

11:00 AM .....Fellowship Hour

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

6:30 PM ..... Advent Dinner (provided)

7:30 PM .....Choir

**Sunday, December 11, 2016 - Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM ..... Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM .....Worship

11:00 AM .....Fellowship Hour

Nursery - Kim Crabtree Greeters - Jo & Mo Gakemeier

**Thank You:** Thanks to everyone who helped decorate for Christmas. Thanks to Suzanne & Glenn Rauert for organizing everything. The decorations look great.

**Giving Tree:** Please bring your gifts to church my next Sunday. Thank you.

## Serving In Worship

Pastor - Karl Larson Worship Leader - Butch Lewin

Organist - Lorey Wadell Pianist - Marsha Pawley

Scripture Reader - Jo Gakemeier

Choir Director - Ashley Lawton

Sound - Steve Pawley

Greeters - Tina & Karl Larson

Nursery - Jo Gakemeier