

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Midweek Advent 1
7:00 PM

Look Up! The Star of Peace Draws Near

As We Gather

The season of Advent is filled with the relentless seeking of things. Shopping is in full swing, and we hear the promise again and again: If we have all the right stuff, buy all the perfect gifts, attend all the posh parties, and decorate with all the trendy decorations, then we will feel complete and at peace. Counter this line of thinking with what God's Word teaches us about contentment. The apostle Paul writes, "Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). As we pause during this first week of Advent and pray for the Lord to stir up our hearts for the arrival of His Son, we remember the story of the ancient Magi, who followed the star and found contentment in the King who had been born to save them. Jesus now invites us also to follow Him and receive from Him that same peace, that "godliness with contentment," which the Magi also received.

Preservice

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn **Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332**
sts 1, 3, 5, 7-8

Opening Sentences **Isaiah 9:6, Philippians 4:7**

Psalm **Psalm 80:1-7**

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 6:6-9

Verse

Psalm 24:7

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10

Reading Response

Children's Message

Hymn

As With Gladness of Men of Old LSB 397

Sermon

Rev. Chris Navurskis

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Peace

Benediction

Matthew 2:10

Hymn

The Advent of Our King LSB 331 sts. 1, 2, 4, 6

Closing Announcements

Come Celebrate Christmas with Us!

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Dec 13 & 20

Christmas Eve Services
December 24 at 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM
(4:00 PM will be live-streamed)

Christmas Day Service
December 25 at 9:30 AM (one service)

New Year's Eve Day
December 31 at 9:30 AM (one service)