



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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The Word of God we receive in the Divine Service goes with us, out into the world and into our everyday callings as parents and children. "**Kids in the Divine Service**" is written for parents and children to read and talk about together.

Grace Notes

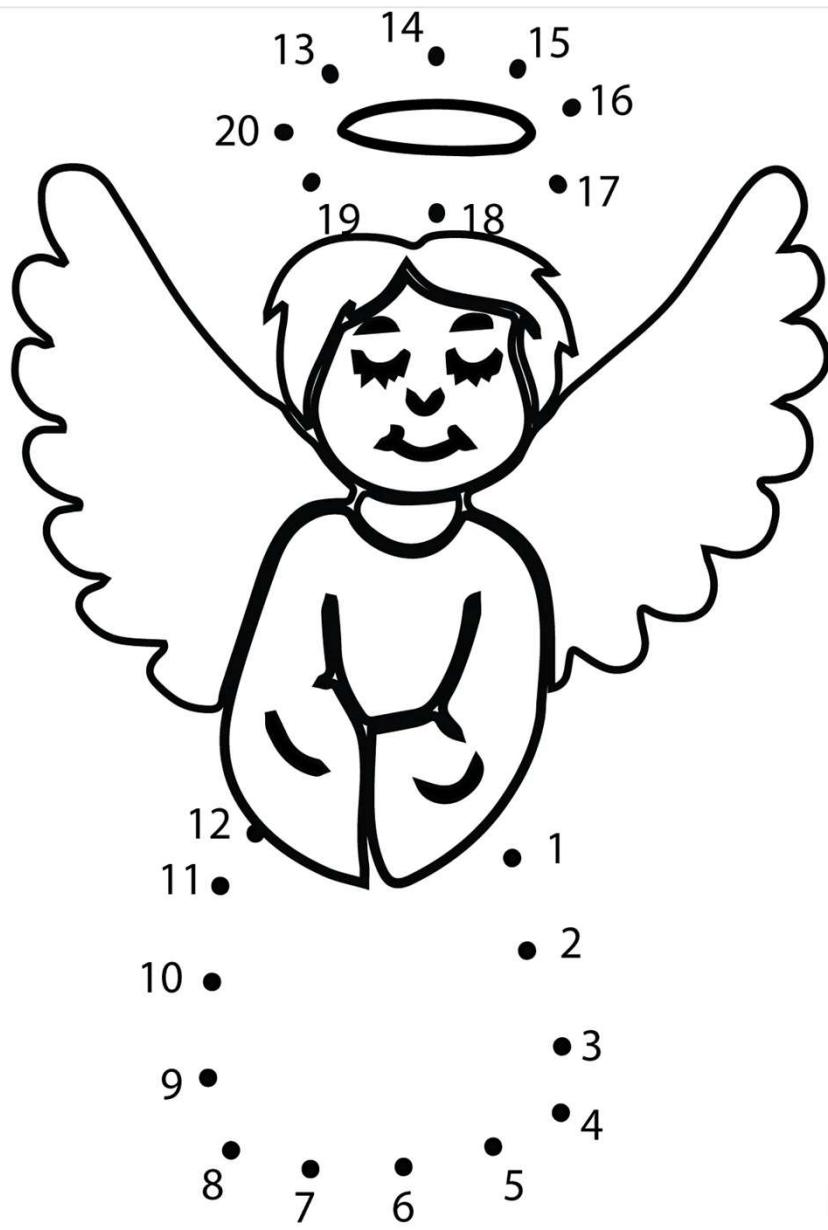
November 26-27, 2022

1st Sunday in Advent Start of the New Church Year



We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people.

1 Thessalonians 3:12



Angels are God's messengers.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph telling them special messages about events to come. Angels also came to tell the shepherds the news of Jesus' birth.

God also sends angels as protectors of His children, US!

Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 36:44



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Come Lord Jesus!

ADVENT



Jesus is coming.

He is born into this human world to save us from sin.

There are 4 Sundays (weeks) that mark advent. An advent wreath helps us count the time until we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

Each Sunday, a new candle is lit. The first Sunday is the candle of **HOPE**. We look forward to the birth of Jesus. The HOPE candle is purple (or sometimes blue).



“**LOVE DOES NO HARM TO A NEIGHBOR. THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.**”

ROMANS 13:10
ENGLISH (NIV)



THE STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



The angel Gabriel visits Mary with amazing news. She will give birth to a child who will be called Jesus. He will rule over the people of Jacob, and His kingdom will never end.

~~Read more in Luke, chapter 1.~~



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LET US
PRAY

Dear Lord, tell me your ways. Show me how to live.
5 Guide me in your truth. Teach me, my God, my Savior.
I trust you all day long. 6 Lord, remember your mercy
and love. You have shown them since long ago. 7 Do not
remember the sins and wrong things I did when I was
young. But remember to love me always because you
are good, Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:5-7)