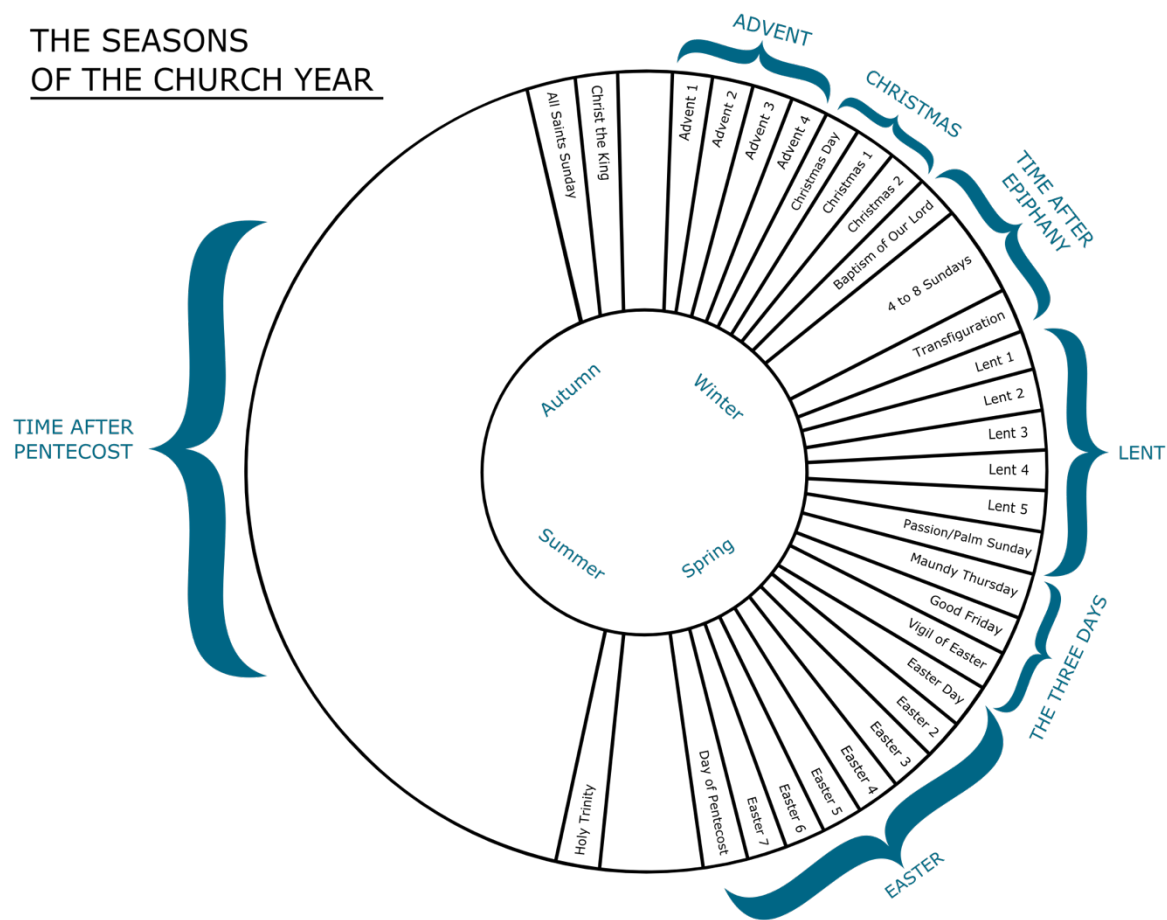


## THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR



Dear Friends in Christ:

We all live by the calendar year, which consists of 12 months. Christians live also by the church year calendar. As we enter into the final month of 2022 we also are ushered into a new church year as well. In fact the new church year began with Sunday November 27, 2022.

The church year has basically two halves to it. We call them the festival half and the year of the church. With Christ the King Sunday on November 20, 2022 we completed both the church year and the second half of the church calendar and now we embark on the festival half of a new year. It begins with Advent and ends with the Day of Pentecost. The chart above indicates how we live in two years as Christians. The four seasons at the center of the chart reflect

the calendar year and the outside circle the church year. The festival half which begins in Advent focuses on the life of Christ and the remainder on the life of the church.

**ADVENT** is a season of longing and anticipation during which we prepare for the coming of Jesus. While Christmas themes abound in stores, with the playing of carols and holiday music we cannot jump past Advent. The color of Advent is blue, a symbol of waiting and hope.

**CHRISTMAS** is both a day and season, 12 days, when we celebrate God's coming among us. The fulfillment of Emmanuel, God with us, is symbolized by white, reminding us of Jesus, who is the light of the world.

*Pastor Hal*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you are hospitalized, know someone who is, need pastoral assistance, a prayer request, home visit, private communion, or other pastoral service contact Pastor Hal at any of the above.

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## BAPTISM

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### Second Sunday of Advent

December 04, 2022

Matthew 3: 1-12

“Guess Whose Coming”

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Matthew 11: 2-11

“Are You the One”

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Matthew 1: 18-25

“Scandal or Assurance”

### Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

Luke 2: 1-20

“Greatest Gift, Smallest Package”

### Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Luke 2: 1-20

“Seeing What the Day Brings”



DECEMBER 03, 2022

BARUM LUTHERAN

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Instruction open to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and older. Must be accompanied by parent or adult. Bring a dish to pass for a pot lunch. First Communion will be received the next day, Sunday December 04 at both parishes. Question contact Pastor Hal 715-828-1112 or [harkihear@gmail.com](mailto:harkihear@gmail.com).

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Christmas Season  
Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

December 24, 2022

Big Elk Creek Lutheran

4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

December 25, 2022

Barum Lutheran

9:00 am

### FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 01, 2023

Big Elk Creek Lutheran

10:00 am

Please note that due to Christmas and New Year's falling on a Sunday we are offering only one joint service on those days. ALSO NOTE the time change for New Year's Day.

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### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.