



GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

GATHERING HYMN

People, Look East

ELW #248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may

the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Expectations”

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and
with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until
the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

He Came Down

ELW #253

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

Thy Holy Wings

ELW #613, vs. 1,3,4

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

DISMISSAL

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAFTRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

This Sunday, November 28, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- NO Sunday School & Butterflies

Monday, November 29:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 9am-12pm Pr Strom in the office
- 12pm Personnel Committee Meeting
- 5pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 30:

- 12pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*

Wednesday, December 1:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3:30-4:30pm FLY K-6
- 5:00pm OA
- 5:30pm Handbells Practice
- 6:30pm Advent Worship
- 6:30pm Confirmation Attends Worship
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2:

- 3:30-5:30pm 4-6th graders cookie baking, *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, December 4:

- 6-11:00am Eagle Scout Fundraiser for Nolan Korby, *Fellowship Hall*
- 2:00pm Baptisms: Solene Hazel, Noah Kurtis, Ophelia LouAnne
- 3-4:30pm Confirmation Intensive, *Fellowship Hall*

Next Sunday, December 5- 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Kid Worship Challenge – What are you thankful for? Make a list or draw a picture and tell God thank you for them in your prayers today.

During Advent, please take a moment to pray at noon on Wednesdays. The power of prayer is real – imagine what we can accomplish with a little prayer!

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.

* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.

* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast available into 2022; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available into 2022. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

We are in need of prayer shawls! If you knit or crochet please make some for us and bring to the office. Find patterns in the Narthex. Thanks!

Please donate to WELCA's Thankoffering. Place your Thankoffering in an envelope and mark it "Thankoffering". Make your checks directly to First Lutheran Church WELCA. Mail or bring into the office before Dec. 1. Find info in the November Messenger.

4th-6th grade cookie baking Dec. 2nd 3:30-5:30 in First Lutheran kitchen. We will be selling our baked goodies at the flower arranging class. All proceeds will go to the food shelf. A ride from Kennedy School can be arranged with Kristy, details will be sent on Remind.

There will be no Harvest Dinner this year but we are accepting donations to provide **Service Food Cards** for those in our community who come in for help.

Be a member of the Prayer Chain Angel Ministry. The Prayer Angels Ministry is working to recruit new members. Many people need our prayers to give them the courage to bear their suffering. They hunger for others to think about them and pray. God calls us into the ministry and we'd like you to join us. If you would like to know more about becoming a Prayer Angel or are ready to become a member, you can easily reach one of the two leaders, Pamela or Vicki. Pamela Schroden 218-731-2954 schroden@prtcl.com. Vicki Hanneman 218-731-1531 dvmjhann@charter.net.

We need volunteers to help get food into the church for the Xmas Baskets on Friday, Dec 9 at 8 am. Please call the office to let us know if you can be here to help! 218-739-3348.

Wyldlife event for 6-8th graders in November 28th. Held 6-7:30pm in the Underground, the basement of the Keller Williams building.

Luther Crest- Register for the Winter Youth Retreats!

Come for a fun and faith-filled weekend at camp with all of your favorite camp activities: s'mores, games, bible dive, cabin time, and so much more! **3-6 Grade Retreat:** January 14-16, 2022, **6-9 Grade Retreat:** January 21-23, 2022, Cost: \$150/camper (\$50 non-refundable deposit) Register at luthercrest.org

Christmas Flower Arranging Class by Seeded Design please sign up to make your own arrangement in front of the office or on our website by November 30th. Class is \$35 on December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the First Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

Advent Resources are available for you and your family in the Narthex. Take some home with you today!

We need one more person to help call others for funerals at church! If you are willing to help let the office know.