



## GATHERING

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, arr. Brenda Austin

## ADULT CHOIR AND HOSANNA HANDBELLS

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us  
from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**VICKI HANNEMAN**

**READING: ISAIAH 11:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

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

**ANTHEM**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

**HOSANNA HANDBELLS**

**POP UP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Narrator:** The nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel writings of Luke and Matthew. Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. And all went to their own towns to be registered.

**Song:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**ELW #279 v. 1**

(Mary and Joseph walk up to the front during the song)

**Narrator:** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because they was no place for them in the inn. (Animals walk up to the front.)

**Song:** *Away in A Manger*

**ELW #277**

**Narrator:** And in that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified.

**Narrator:** And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people! To you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord! And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

**Song:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**ELW #289v. 1 & 2**

(Angels and Shepherds come to the front during the song)

**Narrator:** When the angels had left them, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**Song:** *What Child is This*

**ELW #296 v.1**

*(Wise Men come up during the song)*

**Narrator:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.” When they saw that the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him. Then, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Song:** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

**ELW #290**

*(All actors return to their seats after the song.)*

**Narrator:** Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

**Everyone: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*Rejoice and Sing Noel , Allan Robert Petker*

**ADULT CHOIR**

### **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.**



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*  
*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW #240

ELW #242

### 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!

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

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **This Sunday, December 19, 2021 -Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, Pop-Up Christmas Program followed by a visit from the Trowbridge Zoo
- 10:30am Fellowship with cider, coffee, cookies, *Narthex*

## **Monday, December 20:**

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

## **Tuesday, December 21:**

- January Messenger Articles Due
- 12:00pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*

## **Wednesday, December 22:**

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 5:00pm OA
- NO FLY K-6
- NO FLY 7-12
- 5:30pm Handbells Practice
- 6:30pm Advent Worship, *also on YouTube*
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, December 23:**

- 6:00pm Women's AA, zoom id #147353510; passcode 999

## **Next Sunday, December 26- First Sunday of Christmas**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, Send-Off Service for Vicar Lynn, followed by coffee, cookies & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- NO Sunday School & Butterflies

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.

**Kid Worship Challenge** – That silly Bo was hiding in the short Christmas tree right next to Pastor Strom last weekend. Today, Bo wants to be apart of the Christmas Pageant, can you spot him playing his part in our pageant?

**The flowers this week** are sponsored by the Pearsons and Vaughns in honor of their anniversaries.

**The radio this week** is sponsored by the Pearsons and Vaughns in honor of their anniversaries.

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

**“Pop Up” Christmas Pageant-** Thank you to Selja Smestad, Adeline Wicklund, and Emma Wagner for narrating our pageant today. Thank you to everyone for playing the roles in our pageant and contributing to the music. Such a fun way to celebrate Jesus’ birth together!

**Sunday School/Butterflies will resume Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christmas Eve Services will be at 3:00 and 5:00pm, December 24th.** See you there!

**Offering Envelopes** have been ordered but have not yet arrived. Remember, this year we have ordered generic envelopes, so please write your name on them when you turn in your offerings. Thank you! Please contact the office with any questions. 218-739-3348.

**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 volunteers for funerals at church! If you are willing to help let the office know.**

**Check out our Wednesday night Advent services, and previous services, on YouTube.**  
Upcoming Advent services: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm.

**Thank you to those who helped prepare and deliver Christmas Baskets to various members of our community!** We delivered 23 baskets total this year.

**We are seeking volunteers to provide rides to members from Pioneer Point and individual homes. Please contact the church if you are available to do so. Thanks! 218-739-3348, office@flcff.org.**