



GATHERING MUSIC

The Heavens Shall Declare, Bullock

WORSHIP TEAM

Immanuel, Townsend

Light of the World, Daigle

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW #519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

A reading from Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

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

SERMON

“Jesus Alone”

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Canticle of the Turning
Baptized and Set Free

ELW #254

ELW #723

ELW #453

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

ELW #439, vs. 1,2,4



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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This Sunday, December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies
- 10:30am 150th Anniversary Committee, *Conference Room*
- 11:30am Education Committee

Monday, December 6:

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

Tuesday, December 7:

- 12:00pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 1:00pm Worship Committee
- 2:30pm Discipleship Committee
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 6:00pm Christmas Flower Arranging Class, *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, December 8:

- 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, *also on YouTube*
- 4:30-5:30pm FLY 7-12
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9:

- 12:00pm Visitation for Kurt Gustin
- 12:00pm Executive Committee
- 1:00pm Funeral for Kurt Gustin, lunch to follow

Saturday, December 11:

- 9:00am Christmas Baskets put together and delivered

Next Sunday, December 12- 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies
- 4:00-5:30pm Christmas Movie & PJ party, *Youth Room*

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.

Please pray for our Service Members: CJ Ward and William Pajari.

The flowers and radio this week are sponsored by Diane Prischmann in memory of her mother, Inga Anderson.

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!

Check out the Giving Tree in the Narthex! Gifts for A Place to Belong need to be back at church by Sunday, Dec. 12.

Christmas Movie & Pajama Party Sunday, December 12 from 3:00-5:30 in the Youth Room for Sunday School aged students.

“Pop Up” Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 19 at 9:30am. (Check out the December Messenger for details.) Join us afterwards for the Trowbridge Creek Petting Zoo, Christmas Carols around an open fire, Christmas goodies, and hot apple cider.

24 Days of Giving – Join the First Lutheran Sunday School students in giving to the Community Food Shelf with the gift of money as we count down the days to Christmas. Envelopes can be found in front of the church office. Please turn in your envelopes by Jan. 16th.

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. 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, 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 for the Xmas Baskets on Friday, Dec 9, in the morning. Please call the office to let us know if you can be here to help! 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 all previous services, on YouTube.

The Gratitude Slide Show from the Thanksgiving Eve Service will be in the Narthex Sunday morning, Dec. 5 after service. Watch the slide show again! Many thanks to Kristy and Harriet Wicklund for their hard work in putting it together.

Thank you to the Decorating Committee for their beautiful decorations all over the church this year!