



November 27, 2022
First Sunday in Advent
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[9:30 am worship](#)
Broadcast on AM 1020 KJK or FM 97.7
Livestream on YouTube, link on website.
PEG Access Channel 8.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Luke, Liz, Gavin, & Quinn Anderson

GATHERING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE

ELW p. 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p. 139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR TIFFANY SUNDEEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thanksgiving Prayer

By Price/Besig

ADULT CHOIR ENSEMBLE

Kari Vaughn ~ Linda Mellon

Matt Kettner ~ Dale Hanson

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR TIFFANY SUNDEEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

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 THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth (*other places of conflict may be named*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict (*especially*). Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

OFFERING

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

The invitation to the Lord's Table comes from our Lord Jesus. All are welcome. Communion will be served continuously. Please hold your hands open to receive the wafer. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing, please place your hands across your chest to let the Communion Assistant know.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599

*Come, Ye Disconsolate
Healer of Our Every Ill
Jesus, Remember Me*

ELW 607
ELW 612
ELW 616

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

ELW 260



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this week are sponsored by Jerry & Karen Toso in honor of Jerry's birthday.

The radio broadcast this week is sponsored by Beverly Grimm in honor of her parents Herb & Helen Grimm.

Gerald (Jerry) Toso turned 90 years old on November 26. Jerry has spent the last 30 years helping take care of the First Lutheran Church North Cemetery, treating it as meticulously as his own lawn. **We wish Jerry a Happy Birthday!**

Congratulations to Rev. Lynn Melchior on her recent Ordination and acceptance of call at First Lutheran Church in Battle Lake, MN. There is a card in the narthex we will be sending to her if you should like to sign it.

On Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 we will have two worship services. There will be an **Advent Devotional Worship at 12:10 pm** with a soup lunch and **Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 5:30 pm** with a soup dinner. Come to one, or both we are looking forward to seeing you there.

It's Time for WELCA's Thankoffering. Please consider supporting this important ministry by making a Thankoffering. Please place a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Thankoffering" and mail or bring into the office before Dec. 1. Find more info in the November Messenger.

There will be an opportunity to **sign up for sponsoring flowers and the radio broadcast in 2023** in the narthex on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18. Please plan to make payment at time of sign up. Flower sponsorship cost is \$45 and radio broadcast sponsorship cost is \$100. If you have already signed up for a spot in 2023 please drop your payment off in the church office by December 31, 2022.

We will be putting together plates of **Christmas cookies for our homebound members** again this year. Please bring any cookies you want to contribute to the church by 10:00 am on Tuesday December 13. If you can help plate the cookies and/or deliver them please contact Sandy Pearson at (218)205-8336. If you know someone who is homebound and would like some cookies please contact the church office.

Christmas Gift Wrapping Make & Take. It's First Lutheran Ladies Night on Monday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring a small package or two for wrapping and have some dessert with us. Please register in advance in the narthex or online.

Sunday School Spirit Sunday on December 4 is JOY day. Dress in red and white, 150th Celebration of Joy colors.

Get into the Christmas Spirit on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 am worship service. The Sunday School kids will be presenting their **Christmas program "The Gifts of Christmas"**. The Trowbridge petting zoo will be here, too.

Sunday School Christmas Movie & Pajama Party. On Sunday, December 18 come to Sunday School in your pajamas and stay for a Christmas movie and party.

Adult Bible Study has moved to Mondays at 1:00 pm. All are welcome as we study the texts from the upcoming Sunday.

The front **doors under the awning will now be unlocked during church office hours.** All other doors will continue to remain locked.

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

Making Room for Hope

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*.

10:30 am NO Butterflies and Sunday School

Monday, November 28:

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, *Kairos*

9:00 am Love Days Quilters

1:00 pm Adult Bible Study, *Kairos*

Tuesday, November 29:

9:00 am Archives Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 30:

12:10 pm Advent Devotional Worship & meal

3:30 pm FLY K-6

5:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Advent

Worship Service & meal

6:30 pm Confirmation 7/8 Grade

Bells Rehearsal

7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1:

No Activities

Friday, December 2:

No Activities

Saturday, December 3:

No Activities

Next Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

Making Room for Peace

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*.

10:30 am Butterflies and Sunday School

Church Office Hours: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday