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First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, and Monday, November 28, 2022
ELW, Holy Communion Setting Ten

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

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

P Most merciful God,

C 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.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE (Prophecy Candle)

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of ever-lasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

Reader One: Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

C God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew your hope in us, for you alone bring life out of death.

Reader Two: Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 33: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

C We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

*All sing-- **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah – ELW 240, vs 1***

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Light the candle of Hope ("Pew 3")

P Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

GATHERING SONG: *Fling Wide the Door* – ELW 259 (vs 1,2,4)

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.
- 2 He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.
- 4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!

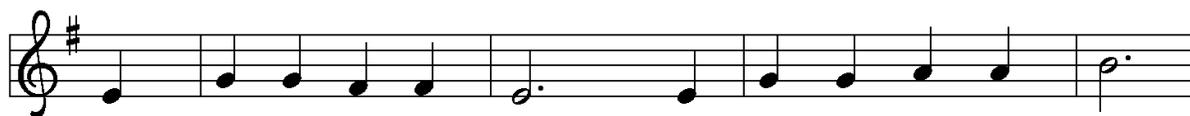
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GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

A brief silence.

P Stir up your power, O Lord, 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.

C **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

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!

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

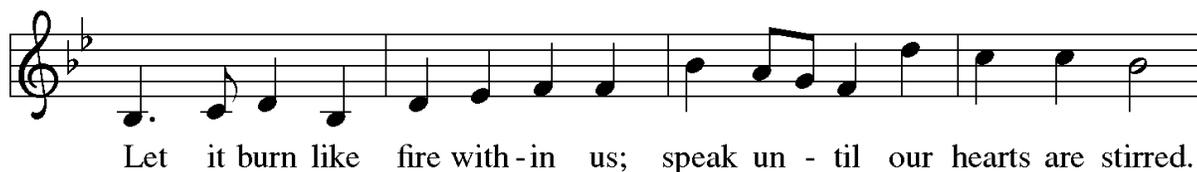
Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L Word of God, word of life

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p 205



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – *Between the Already and the Not Yet*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* – ELW 244 (vs 1,2,4)

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;

go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

- 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

Petitions end: "God, in your mercy," Please respond: "hear our prayer."

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Please share the peace with each other in a way you feel comfortable.)

MEAL

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR OFFERINGS

When we give our offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. May we give as generously as we have received.

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* – ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P 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.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - ELW p 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request*).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness* – ELW 657

1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.

- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;
may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;
give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share
in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;
make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
with your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 5 Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus.

P Grow

C Together.

P Serve

C Others.

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

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Pastor: Cheryl Matthews

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms (*Sunday*); Mary Merritt (*Monday*)

Scripture Reader: Leslie Falkner (*Sunday*); Libby Wallace (*Monday*)

Music Leader:

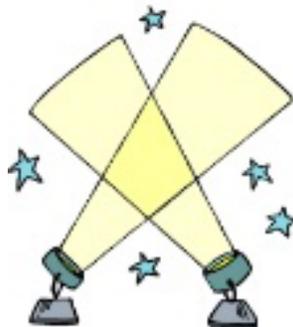
Communion Assistants: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk

Altar Care: Doris Faber and Kristy Binkley



Financial Spotlight

In the coming months, there will be articles highlighting different ministries, funds and budget line items so that everyone is aware of the many things happening at Christ Lutheran Church. November's spotlight is on Food Ministries.

As the old saying goes, “The way to a man’s (or woman’s) heart is through their stomach.” Our **food-based ministries** nourish the hearts and souls of people in our community each week, including yours, when you support and donate to **Wednesday’s Table, CLC FoodShelf, and Thanksgiving meal baskets**. Thanks for your warm and caring hearts!

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS **Week of November 27, 2022**
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MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Byron Anderson; Thom Bartels; Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Kathy Falk; Marian Ford (Gerry Miller’s mother); Paul Haviland; Gordy Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Lily (Dan Tye’s great-niece); Sharon Larson; Jone Lindbo (friend of Arla & Darrin Falk and family); Roger & Carolyn Lund (Nancy Bourget’s and Arla Graff’s brother and sister-in-law); Rob Mathis (Kathy Hinzman’s son-in-law); Siwonike Mwanyongo (high school student in Malawi sponsored by LuAnn Dohms); Dick Patzke (Barb Meser’s brother); Jean Price (Nancy Alseth’s sister); Dale Schmitz; Frank Smith; Shawn Stary; Twila Tiller; Chelsea, Cassandra and Kenny Tye; Luke Tylee (Linda Tylee’s husband); Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahm’s brother); Cindi Wieman; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimwaye and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU for November 30: To be determined. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]* A special thanks to Vickie Kuester for stepping in as temporary meal coordinator!

THE CLCW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE is Saturday, December 3, from 9am to 3pm in the CLC Fellowship Hall. There will be crafts, quilts, decorations, and baked goods.

EGG CARTONS! A member of the church is asking for egg cartons. Instead of recycling or disposing of them, please bring egg cartons to church and leave them in the office hallway.

BEGINNING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 there will be no coffee fellowship after the service. Stay tuned for updates after the new year.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for the Annual Christmas Sale. Please drop off Christmas-themed items on Thursday, December 1, in the Fellowship Hall. Baked goods are also needed and appreciated and may be dropped off Friday, December 2, or early on Saturday, December 3. Thank you! *[Set-up for the sale will be Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2. Sale starts at 9am on Saturday, December 3.]*

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available on the table in the office wing hallway. Please return forms and payment no later than December 12.

HELP BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT ALH! This year, again, we are asking for monetary donations. Deb (ALH Activity Director) will do the Christmas shopping so that every resident has a present to open on Christmas morning. Please send or drop off your monetary donations no later than December 11 at the church, making checks payable to the church and indicating that the donation is for ALH gifts.

Memorials

11/20 – Undesignated in memory of Kay Brummeyer from John Alexander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 27

- * FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
- * 9am Worship with Holy Communion
- * 10:15am Decorating the church for Christmas

Monday, November 28

- * 5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 30

- * 3:30pm The SPOT
- * 5pm Wednesday's Table in Fellowship Hall
- * 5pm CLC FoodShelf

Wednesday, November 30 (cont.)

- * 5:30pm CIA Youth Group
- * 6:15pm 6ths Only
- * 6:15pm Christ Time
- * 6:15pm High School Youth

Thursday, December 1

- * 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, December 3

- * 9am – 3pm Annual Christmas Sale in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 4

- * SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- * 9am Worship with Holy Communion
- * 10:15am Faith Formation