



Sunday, November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
8:00am Worship

First Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



SUNDAY, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

8:00am – Worship
9:00am – Choir Rehearsal
9:15am – Christian Education
10:30am – Worship
11:45am – Coffee Hour
11:45 – Adult Christian Education Class

Altar Guild

Jan Gustafson
Amber Soderman

Reader

Ellen Swenson

Communion Assistant

Judy Hammond

Usher

Rick Lacrosse

GATHERING

Congregational responses are in **BOLD** print.

****Please STAND as you are comfortable**



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of the number of COVID cases in our community, we will use individual communion cups. Please take a communion cup on your way into the sanctuary at the beginning of service, and deposit them in the waste baskets on your way out.

*Children are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion.**

**ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40*



ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory
of Helen Ruth Seppala, by her family.

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: 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 fear those different from ourselves.
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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

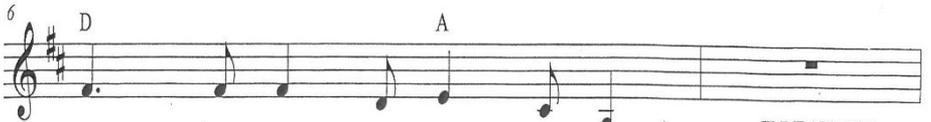
**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



Ad-vent is time for wait - ing, wait-ing for Je - sus to come.



What do we do when we're wait - ing, wait-ing for Je-sus to come. Sing a song, say a prayer,



light a can - dle, breathe the air. [BREATHE]}



That's what we do when we're wait - ing, wait-ing for Je - sus to come.

P: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: 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!

****GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.**

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE IN THE MIDDLE

THE SECOND 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.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

****GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

****HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 1, 6**



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-joyce! Re-joyce!
 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*

**** NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people
and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

P: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind especially Tammy, Tom, Trisha & Family, Vi, Wally, Alex, Andy & Pat, Anne, and those we now name aloud or within the silence of our hearts (*pause...*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

****THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING OF MUSIC AND GIFTS

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray together...

**C: God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
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.

****THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**** THE 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.

****INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray together...

C: Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.

SENDING

****BLESSING**

P: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

****SENDING SONG**

ELW 267 "Joy to the World" v. 1, 2



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

****DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, November 29

9:00am – Clean and Delcutter Party

6:00pm – Chili Cookoff

6:30pm – Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, November 30

9:00am – Sewing

Wednesday, December 1

9:30am – Bible Study

6:00pm – Midweek Advent Service

Thursday, December 2

4:30pm – Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm – Crafty Christmas Creations

NEXT SUNDAY – December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings will be Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;

Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am – Sunday School

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Coffee Hour

Chocolate Advent Calendars are available in the office, for \$9 each.

New Member Class

Sunday, December 12, time TBA

Please sign up in the office

New Member Reception

Sunday, December 19, during Coffee Hour



Hope at the Inn Volunteer Training November 29, 7:00pm Our Savior Lutheran Church

A Busy Day Ahead at First Lutheran: November 29th

Clean and De-Clutter Party: 9:00 am

Many rooms in the building are hosting unused, unwanted items that need to be disposed and things need to be cleaned. Volunteers are needed to aid in this task. Trucks and trailers for taking items to the dump or to St. Vincent DePaul's is appreciated. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office if you are able to help. Work will continue on Tuesday, November 30th if needed.

Bring the whole family, games for the kids will be provided. ****If anyone is interested in the office furniture, please let us know.****



Chili Cookoff: 6:00 pm

Do you have the "Best Chili"? Earn some bragging rights by entering your chili in the Chili Cookoff. Chili will be served, sampled, and voted on. The church mouse heard there will be prizes.



Hanging of the Greens: 6:30 pm



It is time to prepare for the Advent and Christmas Season. First Lutheran will be decorating outside with evergreen garland, fresh wreaths and putting up the Christmas tree and garlands in the sanctuary. Put your decorating skills to use and your helpful hands to work. Dress in layers according to the weather. Let the holidays begin!

Women of the ELCA will be hosting their annual Craft Night

Thursday, December 2, 6:30-9pm

Please join us for this fun event:

- ❖ Create your own holiday treasures
- ❖ Fellowship with friends
- ❖ Holiday Snacks



All ages are welcome

Bay De Noc Choral Society presents

**“A Lot of THANKSGIVING
& a Little Bit of CHRISTMAS”**

Holiday Concert

Featuring bells, strings, organ, & piano

Sunday, December 5, 1:30pm

Bethany Lutheran Church, Escanaba

free will offering

**Faith Lutheran Church in Rock is hosting a
BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS**

Come join us! You are invited!

December 5, 2021, at 1:00pm

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

It's time to uphold our reputation of excellence in the category of “Best Bell Ringers”!

Reserve an hour of your time on Friday or Saturday, December 10 & 11 at Pat's Foods. There will be a sign-up poster in the narthex as the date gets nearer.

THANK YOU, in advance, for continuing your faithful support for the work of The Salvation Army.



Community Christmas Caroling

December 12, 1:00pm

Meet at Memorial United Methodist Church

Bring cookies & song sheets!



- Occasionally fill-in as our **Sound System Tech**
- Men and women to serve as **Ushers**
- Christian Education is seeking individuals to coordinate Sunday School, Youth Programs, and lead Confirmation

If you would like to help in any of these areas,
please call 428-4565!

PRAYER LIST

Please be in prayer for the following people this week:

Alex	Tom	Anne	Ashley
Vicki	Carole	Chad	Danny
Darlene	Diane	Don	Donnie
Emma	Evelyn	Gen	Heidi
James	Jayne	Joey	Vi
Joyce	Kaden	Katherine	Kelly
Ken	Logan	Logan	Luke
Lynn	Mark	Mary	Vicki
Nancy	Nick	Oliver	Wally
Pat	Randy	Rebecca	Rich
Ron	Russ	Sandy	Scott
Sydney	Tabitha	Tammy	Andy & Pat
Trisha & Family	Jolene & Family	Michelle & Family	Duane

Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:

Jamie	Bryan	Danielle	Christopher
Jesse	Jacob	Jason	Charlie
Brad			

HOSPITAL VISITS: Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don't know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.



Do you have a prayer request? *Please let us know.*

Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the "Prayers of the People." Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door.

The office will contact you quarterly to get updates on your requests.

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