

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six

Introduction to the Day: The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements * **Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Question of the Day: How was your Thanksgiving?

***Gathering Song:** **"Fling Wide the Door"** vs. 1 - 3 **# 259**

***Litany for the Advent Wreath**

P: Jesus you are the light of the word. **C: Come Lord Jesus.**

P: Prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy. **C: Come Lord Jesus.**

P: Bring hope into the lives of all people. **C: Come Lord Jesus.**

P: Bless us as we gather here in your name.

C: Come Lord Jesus. Amen. *(Light the first candle.)*

***Hymn:** **"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"** **# 240**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise. *Please be seated.*

***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. *Please be seated.*

Canticle of Praise: **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** vs. 1 **# 257**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:2-3

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.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 *Read responsively.*

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.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

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. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** pg. 171 *Please rise.*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶Jesus said to the disciples, "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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message:

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Congregation sings the refrain as the children come forward and return to their seats.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

***Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" vs. 1 - 3**

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*The Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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. We pray especially for ... Tara Johnson, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman. Serving in the military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda VanDyke, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly, Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Please pass the Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.

Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving.

The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.

Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.

Please rise.

***Offertory:**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*Offering Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

*Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Blessing

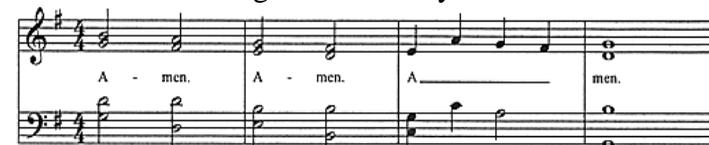
P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.



***Sending Hymn: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" vs. 1 - 4**

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning, especially our guests. We invite everyone to sign the Welcome Pad during the offering.

This Week at First Lutheran

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship, Advent 1
10:15 a.m. Decorate for Christmas

Monday: 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Friday: Pastor's Day Off
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Next Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Men in Mission
9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion, Advent 2, Chrismons placed on Tree
10:15 a.m. Annual Meeting
10:15 a.m. Sunday School – Middle School and K-5 Grades

Next Monday: 12:00 p.m. WELCA Salad Lunch

Advent begins today. We will light the first candle on the Advent Wreath. This is the first season of the new church year. Hope, Peace, Joy, Love!

Annual Meeting booklets are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, December 4th following worship in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend to hear all the good things FLC has done this past year.

Christmas Tree Chrismons will be hung on the tree during worship on Sunday, December 4th.

Escape Room on Sunday, December 4th grades 6 - 8 can partake in this fun activity during Sunday School.

WELCA Salad Lunch will be held on Monday, December 5th at noon. All women are welcome to attend!

Usher sign-up sheet is on the sanctuary table. Please share your Time and Talents for the coming year.

Bell Ringing: United Christians of Prophetstown will be at Shaw's ringing the bell for collections to help our local needy thru December. Our day is Saturday, December 10th to ring the bell from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Shaw's. A sign-up sheet is on the sanctuary table.

Blood Drive: On Monday, December 12th FLC will be the host for the community blood drive at the Unit #3 office building. A sign-up sheet is on the sanctuary table for volunteers and to provide snacks.

Assisting In Our Worship

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