

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad. †**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

***Opening Hymn #34 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Most holy and almighty God, our Savior, we confess our disobedience. We like sheep, have gone astray, all of us turning our own way. We have sinned and have done wrong. The good that we knew to do we have not done. Help us, deliver us, and forgive us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.**

***Promise of Grace**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord said, "The time is coming when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah. **15** At that time I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will do what is right and just throughout the land. **16** The people of Judah and of Jerusalem will be rescued and will live in safety. The city will be called "The Lord Our Salvation."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Now we can give thanks to our God for you. We thank him for the joy we have in his presence because of you. **10** Day and night we ask him with all our heart to let us see you personally and supply what is needed in your faith. **11** May our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus prepare the way for us to come to you! **12** May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow more and more and become as great as our love for you. **13** In this way he will strengthen you, and you will be perfect and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all who belong to him.

Hymn of Praise #526 - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36**

"There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. **26** People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. **27** Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. **28** When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near." **29** Then Jesus told them this parable: "Think of the fig tree and all the other trees. **30** When you see their leaves beginning to appear, you know

that summer is near. **31** In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the Kingdom of God is about to come. **32** "Remember that all these things will take place before the people now living have all died. **33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. **34** "Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you **35** like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. **36** Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #320 (LBW) - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Offering will be received in plates as you depart.)



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FINANCES

General Fund:

Offering last week (*\$3,499 needed weekly*) \$1,589.00

Running total for the month (*\$15,164 needed monthly*) \$8,780.40

Mortgage Fund:

Offering last week (*\$1,155 needed weekly*) \$330.00

Running total for the month (*\$4,621 needed monthly*) \$4,515.00

MISSIONS FOR THE MONTH

- Salvation Army
 - World Mission Prayer League
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Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Patti Wyss
Acolyte: Miles Johnson
Usher: Dave Somsen
Counters: Paul Colbeth & Tim Wyss
Fellowship Servers: Ben & Gail Kobernick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Prayer List: We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Diane & Burt Beckman, Carol Anderson, Gary Peterson, Kyle Bakkestuen (family of Bill & Linda McIntire), Carla Frank Balcsik & Mia Porter (sister & daughter of Mary Porter), Addyson Kaczmariski (niece of Mark & Rachel Kaczmariski), Vicki Greger (sister of Terri Moe & Cindy Nilssen), Wilbert Breheim (father of Emily Larson), Jessica Campion (great-granddaughter of Lois Campion), and Linda McIntire at the loss of Colleen Moravec.

If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.

Today is the last day to order poinsettias. Place your order form along with payment in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

Portals of Prayer home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry.

Sunday school will be having their Birthday Party for Jesus on Saturday, December 11th. Donations for unfrosted cupcakes and frosting are needed. Please sign-up if you can donate.

Our Church Facebook site will keep you up to date on congregational events. It's a great place to see pictures and watch archived worship services as well. Start following it today.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to sign-up on the sheet at the back of worship for a week time slot. If it snows that week please remove all from the walkways as shown on the shoveling map with the sign-up.

Tags are available for those who make prayer shawls or blankets. They are located on the bench in the conference room. Please attach proper tag and sign your name by "made by" before putting it on one of the prayer shawl racks.

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church is once again sponsoring a "Christmas for Children" drive to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. Anyone wishing to donate items can do so by leaving them in the container labeled "Christmas for Children" in the church entry. Donations will be taken through December 11th.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, Kivlin Eye Clinic, The Cabin, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship 7:00 PM-Choir Practice
Monday	7:00 PM-Evening Grace Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	7:00 AM-First Brew & You 5:30 PM-8:30 PM-Youth Group 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation
Saturday	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 9:30 AM-Book Discussion Group 9:40 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Confirmation 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Youth and Parent Meeting 7:00 PM-Choir Practice



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Poinsettias

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ @\$8.00 each.

In memory or honor of:

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 28th.
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