

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

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 (LBW) – 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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Here is the message which God gave to Isaiah son of Amoz about Judah and Jerusalem: **2** In days to come the mountain where the Temple stands will be the highest one of all, towering above all the hills. Many nations will come streaming to it, **3** and their people will say, "Let us go up the hill of the Lord, to the Temple of Israel's God. He will teach us what he wants us to do; we will walk in the paths he has chosen. For the Lord's teaching comes from Jerusalem; from Zion he speaks to his people." **4** He will settle disputes among great nations. They will hammer their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again. **5** Now, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light which the Lord gives us!

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

You must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. **12** The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. **13** Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day - no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. **14** But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires.

Hymn of Praise #526 (LBW) – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44**

"No one knows, however, when that day and hour will come - neither the angels in heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows. **37** The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. **38** In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; **39** yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. **40** At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. **41** Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. **42** Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. **43** If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. **44** So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #25 (LBW) – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving. Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Don Dipprey
Counter: Janette Cain
Greeters: Dean & Jane Scholz and Adam & Brit Seaman Family
Ushers: Jasic Manning & Greg Warner
Fellowship Servers: Bill & Linda McIntire Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests 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: Mary Porter, Melanie Cuper & Baby Kenneth, Bruce Wagner, Bud Moe (brother of Bob Moe), Orvin Luehman (father of Dennis Luehman), Mia Porter (daughter of Mary Porter), Ed Schnell (grandfather of Ashly Ninke, great-grandfather of Brin, Ben & Bristle), Ricky & Bobby Anderson (sons of Keith & Mary Anderson), David Crosby (brother-in-law of Keith Anderson & Linda Marg), and Tex Brandt (father of Angela Brandt). *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.

A Fall dinner follow-up meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, November 30th at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come, refreshments will be served. WOW, Women if the Word, will briefly meet to hear a Treasure's report and elect a President and Secretary, and cover some business for the Holidays and 2023. If you're unable to attend and have comments regarding the dinner, drop them off at the church. Nominations are open for President and Secretary, please prayerfully consider holding an office.

Our Membership Directory is now available online. For smartphone access, search for Instant Church Directory and download the free app  to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to create a login the first time you use the directory app. Those not yet in the directory are encouraged to submit pictures and updated information to the church office as soon as possible.

Your Council would like to start a weekly fellowship group at church. This would be a time to come in for conversation and coffee in the fellowship hall. In order to make this happen we would need volunteers to host the gathering and brew coffee. Can you help? Interested in attending? Let the church office know (715-263-2846).

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 10th.

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.

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
9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group
2:00 PM-Fall Dinner Follow-up Meeting
5:30-6:15 PM-Youth Group with Youth Room Open until 8:30 PM
6:15 PM-7th & 8th Confirmation Class
7:30 PM-9th Confirmation Class

Saturday 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:30 AM-Fellowship
9:40 AM-Christmas Program Practice
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship
11:00 AM-Fellowship
7:00 PM-Choir Practice