

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome (*A time of prayer for individual requests will follow today's service.*)

***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 #551 (LBW) – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

***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 #522 (LBW) – Come, Thou Almighty King

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn #534 – Now Thank We All Our God

(Those wishing to receive the laying on of hands prayer and anointing may come forward. Others may quietly depart.)



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: Eva Wilson
Counters: Laura Lieffring & Tim Wyss
Greeters: Laura Lieffring & Jane Scholz
Ushers: Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen
Fellowship Servers: Derek & Katie Wagner Family
Nov. 23rd Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–25; 10:00 AM–79: Total: 104

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.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond, Carole Larson, Levi Ramsey, and Sandy Jessen, sister-in-law of Laura Lieffring. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Portals of Prayer home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to share with a friend.

The family of LaMoyne Emerson would like to invite everyone to celebrate his 90th Birthday, Sunday, December 14th; 1-3:00 PM. There will be refreshments, snacks, coffee and sweets. No gifts please!

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.

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 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	Fellowship & Fun Night 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 6:15 PM-High School Bible Study 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation
Saturday	7:00 AM-Men’s Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Christmas Program Practice 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice

Abundant Grace

Women's Event

*Three hours.
Two Speakers.
One Purpose.*

February 7th, 2026 8:30am-11:30am

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