First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



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

***Call to Worship**

P Come let us bow down and worship.

C Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. ✝

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**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Why don't you tear the sky open and come down? The mountains would see you and shake with fear. **2** They would tremble like water boiling over a hot fire. Come and reveal your power to your enemies, and make the nations tremble at your presence! **3** There was a time when you came and did terrifying things that we did not expect; the mountains saw you and shook with fear. **4** No one has ever seen or heard of a God like you, who does such deeds for those who put their hope in him. **5** You welcome those who find joy in doing what is right, those who remember how you want them to live. You were angry with us, but we went on sinning; in spite of your great anger we have continued to do wrong since ancient times. **6** All of us have been sinful; even our best actions are filthy through and through. Because of our sins we are like leaves that wither and are blown away by the wind. **7** No one turns to you in prayer; no one goes to you for help. You have hidden yourself from us and have abandoned us because of our sins. **8** But you are our father, Lord. We are like clay, and you are like the potter. You created us, **9** so do not be too angry with us or hold our sins against us forever. We are your people; be merciful to us.

Hymn of Praise #320 (LBW) – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37**

"In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, **25** the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. **26** Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. **27** He will send the angels out to the four corners

of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other. **28** "Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. **30** Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. **32** "No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come - neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. **33** Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. **34** It will be like a man who goes away from home on a trip and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. **35** Watch, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming - it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. **36** If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. **37** What I say to you, then, I say to all: Watch!"

Sermon

Baptism Hymn – I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry (v. 1-3)

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Baptism Hymn with Presentation — Borning Cry (v. 4-7)

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Choral Benediction

(Those wishing to receive the laying on of hands prayer and anointing may come forward. Others may reverently 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: Lacey Kamm
Counters: Laura Lieffring & Richard Selvig
Greeters: Colin & Kellie Scholz and Jane Scholz
Ushers: Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen
Fellowship Servers: Dave & Carol Somsen
Nov. 22nd Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–30; 10:00 AM–68

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip and come forward following the service to see Pastor Bryan and receive your free mug. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Sharon Kuhl, Judi Desmond, Barb Juleff, and Kinzie Kuhn at the loss of her father, Mick Fleming. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Baptized into the family of God this morning is Gavin James Kotula, son of Whitney Hansen & James Kotula. Gavin's sponsors are Nicole & Marty St. John.

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 before Christmas.

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.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, 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
11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Monday 7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday 5:30 PM-Wednesday Supper
6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
6:00 PM-Adult Bible Study led by Dale Wirth
6:00 PM-High School Bible Study
6:15 PM-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:30 PM-9th Grade Confirmation
Saturday 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:30 AM-Fellowship
9:45 AM-Christmas Program Practice
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion
11:00 AM-Fellowship
11:00 AM-Choir Practice