



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent

(10:30)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
The Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
The mighty savior who comes to show mercy,
The Dawn from on high who makes all things new.

Let us come before God in confession.

L: Almighty God,

C: You caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to walk in your ways. Amen

L: Rejoice! Rejoice! For God is with us.

Emmanuel shall come to you, O People of God.

God is making all things new.

Christ will be born in your hearts again this Christmas.

Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore You. God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun...above. (Repeat)

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away.

Joyful, joyful we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.

Joyful, joyful we adore You. Joyful, joyful, we adore You.

All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays. Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away.

Joyful, joyful we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.
Joyful, joyful we adore You. Joyful, we adore You.

***(The Fire: God our Father, Christ our Brother All who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other Lift us to the joy divine. 3x)***

Joyful, joyful, we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.
Joyful, joyful, we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.
Oh God our Father.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN *Peace, Peace, Peace*

Hope, hope, hope- The light of Christ is hope. In all our darkness Christ is shining,
Leading upward, faith refining. Hope, hope, hope- The light of Christ is hope.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

C **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. Amen.**

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Word of God speak; Would You pour down like rain; Washing my eyes to see Your majesty; To be still and know; That You're in this place; Please let me stay and rest; In Your holiness; Word of God speak

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36–44

³⁶But 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *New Born King*

We've been waiting, our hearts hoping
For a Savior, for our Lord
Now this day, in flesh appearing
Love is here; we wait no more,

Light of the world, come to save, come to save us. Heaven rejoices, angels sing!
Glory to God in the high, in the highest. We bow before our newborn king.

Peace on earth and death defeated, Mercy triumphs, grace abounds.
Through this child, we find forgiveness
Our salvation here and now.
Light of the world, come to save, come to save us. Heaven rejoices, angels sing!
Glory to God in the high, in the highest. We bow before our newborn king.

Hallelujah, Christ our Savior, Hope eternal, we will sing!
Hallelujah, Christ our Savior, Son of God, our newborn king!

Light of the world, come to save, come to save us. Heaven rejoices, angels sing!
Glory to God in the high, in the highest. We bow before our newborn king

Our newborn King! Glory to God, our new born King!

ADVENT CREED

All: We believe in God, the creator of all things,
The God of Abraham and Sarah,
The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt with steadfast love and mercy,
Who made straight in the wilderness a path,
Who promises to make all things new.
We believe in Jesus, the messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us.
He is king of king, yet born of Mary.
He showed God's love through healing and teaching,
And chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross.
After three days he rose from the dead and appeared to many.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the One who inspires faith,
Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
The One who breathes new life into the church and the world,
Who is making all things new.
We believe that God is still creating.
We believe that Jesus is still with us.
We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy.

PRAYER SONG

Take me Jesus as I am, for I can come no other way
Draw me closer unto you, teach me how to walk your ways
Make me like a precious stone, crystal clear and finely honed
The light of Jesus shining through, giving glory back to you

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.
C **Your mercy is great.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *God With Us*

Special Music by The Fire

OFFERTORY HYMN *Take My Life*

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness, is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.
So take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord (Repeat)

GREAT THANKSGIVING *ELW p. 144*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 145*

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

Who Am I

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth

Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt?

Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star

Would choose to light the way for my ever wand'ring heart?

Chorus: Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done.

Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are.

I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow;

A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.

Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord you catch me when I'm falling.

And You've told me who I am: I am Yours, I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin

Would look on me with love and watch me rise again?

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea

Would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me?

(Chorus 2X)

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness;

He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;

All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

SENDING HYMN *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saveior reigns; Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well; no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love!

Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well; no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. For those who prefer to receive grape juice or gluten free wafers, simply indicate that to the server. We would like everyone to register their communion participation on the Welcome cards in the pew. May God Bless your communion.

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Travis Doeden, Tanner Linnell, Lauren Spokely

God's Healing Presence for...

Mark Madsen Bonnie Spicer Pat Woods Margaret Sundeen
Stacy Engel Hilda Bagstad Tim Miller Ole Olson Arnie Gilbertson
Marsall Weibye Ben Brown Russell Flieth Jerry Boeddeker

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe or Pastor Siri.)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Cindy Dullum, Drew Nathan

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

ORGANIST: Karen Alfson **LECTORS:** (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Amy Gallagher

GREETERS: (8:30) Ed & Elaine Laxdal (10:30) Keith & Betty Meyer

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Tayson Ambuehl, Kyle Alfson (10:30) Katja Berge, Addi Eckart

USHERS: (8:30) Les Hurt (10:30) Peter Lovas, Christina Willison, Betty Meyer, Kathy Evenson

ATTENDANCE: November 24, 2013: 8:30am – 101; 10:30am - 142

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: November 24, 2013: \$3,955.61; November to date: \$18,046.68;
2013 Income through October 31: \$224,542.48 and 2013 Expenses through October 31:
\$242,818.06

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS for the Jamestown State Hospital patients are due today. The box to put them in is downstairs in the Dining Room.

ANGEL TREE – The Angel Tree is set up in the narthex. Please choose a card and return the card & unwrapped gift or money donation to the church office by December 11. The Angel Tree is sponsored by the OSLC Youth Group who will be wrapping and delivering the gifts to the Hillsboro Nursing Home residents.

COMMUNITY CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT rehearsal schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:15pm

Sunday, Dec. 8 - a "run-through" at 11:45am.

(Vicki Dahlstrom, Director – 636-4003)

W.O.W. MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tomorrow, December 2nd we will start a six session series called "The Christmas Experience" by Kyle Idleman. A DVD is included. Upon the completion of the Christmas series, we will resume the study of "The Women of the Bible"
~Senora Almquist

LIVING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS -Tuesday, December 3 from 6-7:15pm at Boulger Funeral Home, 123 10th St. S., Fargo (701-237-6441) *Please join us for an informative time about suggestions for living with grief during the holidays. Holiday treats will be served. Led by Ann Jacobson and Sonja Kjar*

FREE CPR CLASS! Heartsaver CPR AED class 6:30-10pm on Tuesday, December 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. To register call Cindy at OSLC – 636-5701. If you have any questions call Wendy – 636-2225. For CPR card and book a \$35 fee applied.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 1

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Worship Committee meets
10:30am Worship Service
1:30pm Choir parts practice

Monday, December 2

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

Tuesday, December 3

7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Country Hearth)

Wednesday, December 4

7:00am Men's Fellowship (Country Hearth)
2:00pm 235 Kiwanis Communion Svc
2:30pm 335 Kiwanis Communion Svc
5:30pm Family Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm Advent Service
7:00pm S.S. parts practice
7:15pm Choir dress rehearsal
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group

Thursday, December 5

7:00am Adult Confirmation Class (Bakery)
2:00pm Worship Service at Nursing Home
5:45pm Yoga Class
7:00pm Council Meeting
7:30pm Adult Confirmation Class (OSLC)

Saturday, December 7

10:30am WELCA Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 8

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Fair Trade Shop
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Choir "Run Through"
11:45am S.S. parts practice
7:00pm Community Choral Christmas Concert