

# Third Sunday of Advent

We gather this morning to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**P** = Pastor    **C** = Congregation    **L** = Leader

**Prelude:** The prelude is a reflective setting of our Offering Response. J.S. Bach wrote this collection of organ chorale preludes based on hymns of the church year. The melody is heard in the soprano voice.

**Advent Candle Lighting:** The Advent wreath is a centuries old custom of the season by which we count the weeks of preparation leading to the Nativity of Our Lord and the Christmas season. Each week, we light another candle until the wreath is fully aglow.

**Invocation:** From the Latin term, *invocatio* "to call upon." And so it is that we begin our worship, calling upon God to be present with and for us.

**Confession and Forgiveness:** As we enter into God's presence, we become acutely aware of our sinful condition, and confess what God's Word teaches. We hear and trust God's power to forgive through Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**    **NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND** from the *Orgelbüchlein*, BWV 599  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Candle Lighting

**L** The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;

**C** He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,

**L** To proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

**C** To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and to comfort all who mourn.

**L** Let us pray. O Lord, how shall we meet you, how shall we greet you, as this season of Advent continues? Fill our hearts with joy as we hear the good news of your deliverance and salvation. Empower us to share this good news with everyone we meet. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand.*

### Hymn 241

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Stanza 3 only

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

☐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

**Entrance Hymn:** This Korean hymn was first published in 2000, alongside St. Paul's explanation that in Christ we are a new creation, reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-20). As we wait for the birth of Christ, this prayer is especially appropriate during the Advent season.

**Apostolic Greeting:** The greeting is drawn from the first chapter of Revelation.

**Kyrie:** "Kyrie eleison" is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." This ancient prayer of the church dates back to the 4th century.

**Entrance Hymn 247**

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

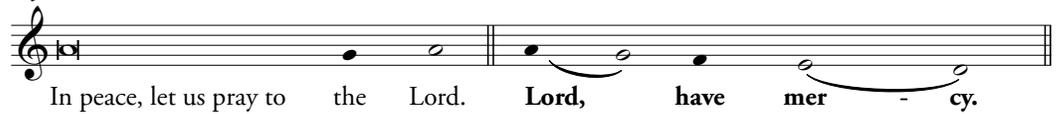
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**Apostolic Greeting**

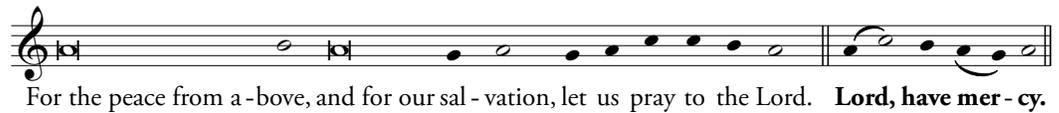
☐ From the one who was, who is, and who is to come:  
Grace and peace be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

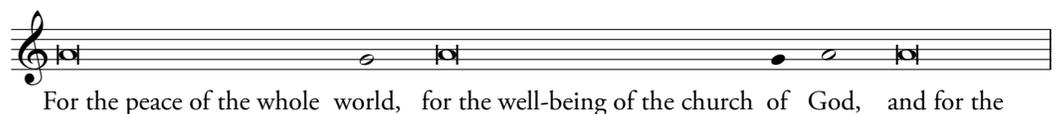
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



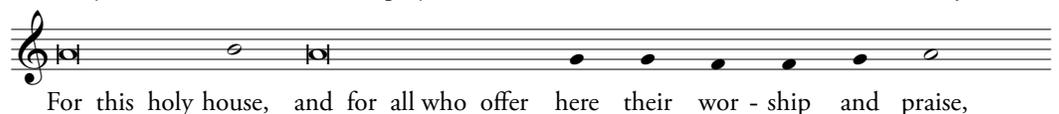
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the



unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**9:30 AM Anthem**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Cary Ratcliff

*Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?*

*See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.*

**Prayer of the Day**

- ☐ Let us pray. God of deliverance,
- ☑ you bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Scripture Reading:** *Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of the Lord, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 61:1-11

OT page 708 in the pew Bible

- ☐ Word of God, Word of Life.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

"What Sweeter Music"  
John Rutter

*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.*

*Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth.*

*We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part  
Of all the house here, is the heart.*

*Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.*

*What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?*

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Announcement

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, he states his purpose and identity as the promised Messiah.*

**Gospel** Luke 4:16-21

NT page 57 in the pew Bible

## Gospel Response

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

Pastor Lars Olson

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

## Hymn of the Day:

*Philip Doddridge wrote a series of hymns intended to be sung following sermons he preached between 1735 and 1740. This hymn was written to follow a sermon based on our text from Luke 4, and so we honor the poet's original intent today. The hymn draws from the liberating motifs found in the text: prisoners are released, the oppressed go free, the poor are graced, and the proclamation is made. In the original seven stanzas, the recovery of sight to the blind and the proclamation of the Lord's favor are also included.*

## Hymn of the Day 239

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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## Apostles' Creed

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

☐ With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Following each petition:*

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

☐ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy: through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

*Apostles' Creed: Together, we confess the central tenets of the Christian faith. The Apostles' is the shortest of the Christian creeds, dating back to the fourth century and the early church.*

**Offering:** Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

**Offering Music:** This Christmas text is a call to the manger, that we might see the newborn Christ.

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

"The Stars Point the Way"  
Mark Sirett

*Come to the stable, the stars point the way.*

*Come to the beginning where darkness meets day.*

*Waking in the mystery where light and darkness are one,  
creation whispers: "Welcome," and we come.*

*Creation lingers in the hours before the night meets the day  
and hears the cry of life, new born in dust and breath and clay.*

*In the trembling universe where light years measure time,  
exploding stars see birth and death in dust and breath and shine.*

*Come to the stable, the stars point the way.*

*Come to the beginning where darkness meets day.*

*Please stand.*

**Offering Presentation**

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2. Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's son, in - car - nate word!

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
To the ho - ly Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly!

**Offertory Prayer**

- P** Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C** the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. From all that you have given us, receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise. Fill us with good things at your table that we may trust your gracious Word of forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

**9:30 AM The Lord's Prayer**

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion - 8 AM Worship

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.
- Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
- Let us share in the feast of salvation.

*Please be seated.*

**Agnus Dei:** Since the fourth century, Christians have sung hymns and songs during the distribution of communion. We begin with words of John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Communion Music

Anthem

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*See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.*

**Communion Music:**

*Hymn 262 is drawn from the Taizé community, and is intended to be sung continuously as a prayer.*

Hymn 262

"Wait for the Lord"

WAIT FOR THE LORD

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- G** Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

- P** God for whom we wait: by your Word you have fed us with your promise of forgiveness, and given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

**Benediction**

- P** May Christ, the Son of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- G** Amen.

*Sending Hymn: With "a shout of holy mirth" comes the imperative to fling open the doors and gates at the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Lord of lords is also the Savior who comes to open hearts.*

**Sending Hymn 259**

"Fling Wide the Door"

Stanzas 1 and 4

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR

**Dismissal**

- P** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!
- G** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

Meditation on VENI, EMMANUEL

Hal Hopson

# Welcome to worship

First Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



## Community Ministers & Missionaries

Each member of First Lutheran Church

### Pastoral Staff

John R. Christopherson, M. Div. Ph.D.  
Katherine Olson, M. Div.  
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Peter Strommen, M. Div.  
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James E. Christopherson, M. Div.  
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Roger N. Noer, M. Div.  
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### Parish Nurse

Jana Elkins, R.N.

### Youth and Family Ministries

Marnie Dahle Backer,  
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Heather Smith, Children's Minister  
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Zachary Rygiel, M.M., Director of Music  
Larry Olson, Contemporary Worship Coordinator

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- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Personal listening device
- For a large print bulletin
- If you are a physician or nurse who is willing to help in an emergency.

### Children are welcome in worship

- Children's bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 and activity bags may be picked up in the Welcome Center.
- If your child becomes restless you may view the service on the screen in the Welcome Center.
- Nursery is available on Sundays from 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM.

### Church calendar

First Lutheran calendar is available on the web at [flcsf.org/calendar](http://flcsf.org/calendar).

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11 AM KSFY-Sioux Falls, KPRY-Pierre and KABY-Aberdeen

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## Worship assistants

**Choir:** Women's Choir

Paul Nesheim, director

**Cantor:** Joel Nevin

**Readers**

8 AM – Jeff Herbert

9:30 AM – Dan Van Veldhuizen

**Acolytes**

8 AM – Elizabeth Crawford

Al Deak

9:30 AM – Ryan Amundson

Easton Zueger

**Ushers**

8 AM – Linda Gores (*Co-Capt.*),

Randy Olawsky (*Co-Capt.*),

Finn Backer, Tom Berens, Cole

Olson, Tara Olson, Damon Olson

9:30 AM – Joel Doeden (*Captain*)

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George Lapp, Bob Mathiesen,

Morgan Mendelson, Larry Satterlee,

Bill Stevens

**8th Grade Ushers**

8 AM – Jacob Van Buskirk

Ellie Williams

9:30 AM – Ellysia McElroy

Isaac Reiner

**Advent Candle Lighting Families**

8 AM

Brad & Marti Thompson Family

9:30 AM

Dan & Angela Van Veldhuizen Family

11:00 AM

Dave & Becky McElroy Family

## News Notes and Daily Readings

News Notes can be found at all entrances to the sanctuary and online at [flcsf.org](http://flcsf.org)

## Worship Services

**Saturday** (Chapel)

5 PM Vespers with Communion

*Communion is celebrated the first Sunday each month at the 8, 9:30 & 11 AM services.*

## Flowers

The flowers at the altar are given in memory of Fred Brooks by his family: Wauthena, Karen, Gerry, Keith, Jason and Ryan. Fred and Wauthena were married at First Lutheran Church on December 9, 1956.

## Broadcast sponsors

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