

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

Sun-1	8:30 am	Early Service (Memorial Chapel)
	9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 am	Opening for Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Late Service w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:45 am	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal with lunch
	4:00 pm	Wind Ensemble
	5:00 pm	Roots Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-2	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
	10:00 am	Esther Circle at Pat Lindler's home
	6:00 pm	CE & Family Ministry Comm. Mtg. at Wanda Anthony's home
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
Tue-3	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-4	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Sprouts
	5:45 pm	Hand Bells
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
	7:45 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-5	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
Fri-6	All Day	United Way Fundraiser (Family Life Center)
	6:00 pm	OWLS Bus Ride to McAdenville
Sat-	1:30 pm	Private Event (Family Life Center)

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

MATTHEW 24:36-44

"KEEPING AWAKE"

**The Lord is coming. The world is ending.
Am I aware today or caught up in things that do not
really matter ultimately?**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.
BOLD indicates congregational responses.*

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD (Psalm 1:2). A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Pat Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Heath Hasket, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Emmalyn Reeder, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Betty Webb, Dana Williams, Hannah Wilson, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 48: DECEMBER 1, 2019 to DECEMBER 8, 2019

Sun-1 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 40, 41
Mon-2 Morning Reading: 1 John 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 42, 43, 44
Tue-3 Morning Reading: 1 John 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 45, 46
Wed-4 Morning Reading: 1 John 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 47, 48
Thur-5 Morning Reading: 1 John 4—Evening Reading: Daniel 1, 2
Fri-6 Morning Reading: 1 John 5—Evening Reading: Daniel 3, 4
Sat-7 Morning Reading: 2 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 5, 6, 7
Sun-8 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10

Song Of Praise

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

ELW #257

Next Sunday, DECEMBER 8, 2019:

One service only at 10:30 ~ Congregational Meeting and Cantata

This QR code goes straight to the Daily Prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT: All are invited to a Christmas concert and singing at the home of Pastor Peter and Nancy Homovich (1239 White Pond Dr., Gastonia) on **Saturday, December 21** from 7:00 to 9:00. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket!

YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.

REMINDER: If you do not wish to take your bulletin home please put it in the recycle bins when exiting the church. Thank you.



THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* ELW #254

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

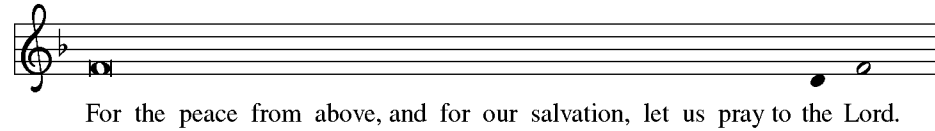
C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

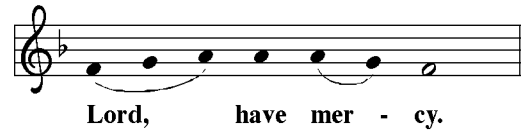
Mark 10:47



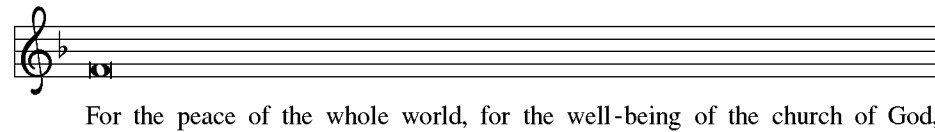
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



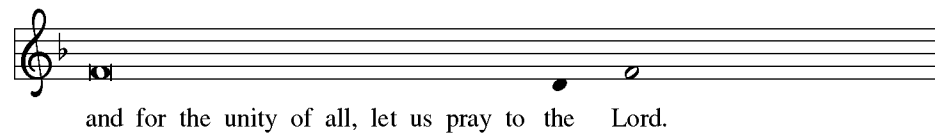
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



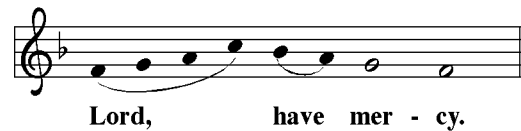
Lord, have mer - cy.



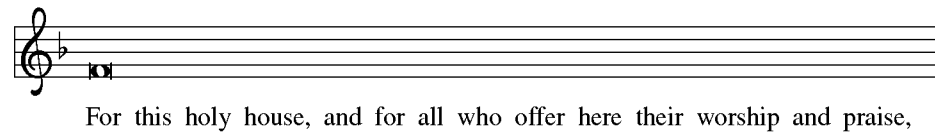
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



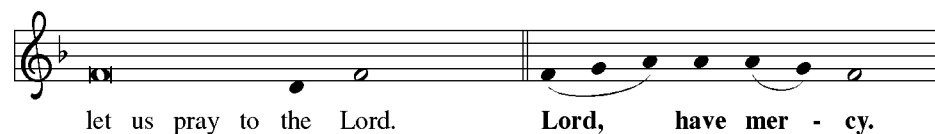
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



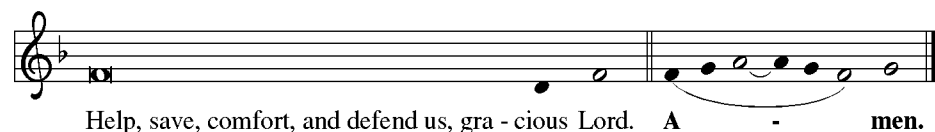
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet on **December 2 at 10:00** at the home of Pat Lindler.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will have its annual *Christmas dinner with a bracelet exchange* on **December 3** at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kay Moretz will be the hostess.

OWLS: On Friday, **December 6th**, the OWLS will be riding the bus through McAdenville to enjoy the Christmas Lights. We will meet at the church at 5pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter to RSVP by Monday, December 2nd to secure a spot on the bus.

LADIES NIGHT CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The men of the church are happy to sponsor our Ladies Night entertainment and dinner on **Saturday, December 14th at 6 PM in the Family Life Center**. We are very excited to have as our entertainment this year, Cantamos which is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel through sacred and contemporary Christian music. Presently the choir has 18 active members that donate their time and talent to this outreach ministry, made up of volunteers from several churches in the Hickory, Taylorsville, Statesville, Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis areas. Cantamos has sung for over 10,000 in various venues, including churches, conventions, and organizations throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Concerts have also been given at Lenoir Rhyne Grace Chapel as well as the Biltmore House at Christmas for the past four years. Cantamos has been rehearsing at Lutheran Chapel for the last few years, and greatly appreciates our hospitality. We are honored to have them sing for our Ladies Night this year. *Tickets will be on sale during November and December.*

LADIES NIGHT DOOR PRIZES: Please consider donating a door prize for our annual Ladies Night Banquet that will be held on Saturday, December 14th in the Family Life Center. It will be most appreciated!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Christmas program will take place Sunday, **December 15 during the 10:30 worship service**. (A dress rehearsal will be held during Sunday School.) *Lunch will be provided afterwards for the entire congregation. SAVE THE DATE!!!*

GIRL'S NIGHT: All ladies of the church are invited to the home of Katherine Sanders on Tuesday, **December 17th at 7pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and a gift (no more than \$20) to share. Looking forward to a night of good food and fellowship. Please contact Amy Carpenter or Katherine Sanders for more information.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Drew and Katie Carpenter and big sister Rachel at the birth of Charlotte Ann Carpenter (8 lbs. 4 oz.) on November 25.

PARENTS: There are crayons, coloring sheets and activity pages for the children to use during the service if needed. All materials are located in the Narthex near the balcony stairs.

SERVING AT LCC: The Worship and Music committee is in the process of setting up the Communion Assistants and Presenters for 2020. If you would like to be added to the list, please let us know by indicating on the **yellow insert** as to how you would like to serve or you can call Patsy Lindler at (704) 460-3229. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to the Social Ministry Committee and the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee for all of your help in making Family Pizza Night a success. Also, thank you to all who came to the Family Pizza Night and all who contributed to our Samaritan's Purse Box efforts.

ANGEL TREE: An Angel Tree for Gaston County foster children has been placed at the entrance of the church office. Lutheran Services Carolinas provide support for those children who don't have the support of their families. Sometimes because of abuse or neglect their parents have become unable to care for them, children are left without support they need to lead happy and productive lives. Make their lives a little brighter this Christmas with your support.

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Items for the care bags include: Gospel tract, referral list, small water bottles, Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruits such as raisins, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks. If you would like to help, please give such items in the box located in the educational building outside the church office. Our Outreach team or youth will assemble as gifts are received.

LCC CONTRIBUTIONS: It's time to get your 2019 Church Contributions up-to-date. If you have not paid for your 2019 Altar Flowers, please see the church office. (Cost of flowers is \$55.00.)

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first and fourth staves. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.'

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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.

WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *“He Came Down”* ELW#253
 (Canter sings verse 1 then the Congregation sings verse 1)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
 The Jesus Storybook Bible

The Warrior Leader
 (pass prayer cards to the ushers)

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* ELW #242

***THE DISMISSAL— LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

Children: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL ON DECEMBER 1, 2019

- Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor.....Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant.....Kim Rundzieher
- Interim Director of Youth and Family MinistryAmy Carpenter
- Organist.....Lisa Burch
- Music Director Roger Myers
- Music Director Jeanette Myers
- Nursery Worker Charlie Jones
- Assistant Minister Mark Thornburg
- Lector.....Olivia Berghello
- AcolyteLillian Robinson
- CruciferBen Carpenter
- Ushers..... Ervin Hoffman Jr., James Hovis, Ken Lentz & Norman Overcash
- Communion Presenters..... Ann & Charles Edwards
- Communion Assistants.....Debra Hoffman & Ann Marie Lentz
- Council MembersEd Robinson & Jim Sloop
- Altar Guild David & Susan Lewis
- Helping Hands.....Rachel Anthony

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you in body and soul to everlasting life. Let us depart in peace.

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine You give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May Your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

"Let Us Go Rejoicing"

Michael Joncas



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord;
Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Refrain:

2. Jerusalem is a city built with unity and strength.
It is there, it is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

Refrain:

3. For Isr'el's law is to praise God's name and there to give God thanks.
There are set the judgment thrones for all of David's house.

Refrain:

4. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May those who love you prosper
May peace ever reign within your walls and wealth within your buildings."

Refrain:

5. For love of my fam'ly and love of my friends, I pray that peace be yours.
For love of the house of the Lord our God, I pray for your good.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

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.

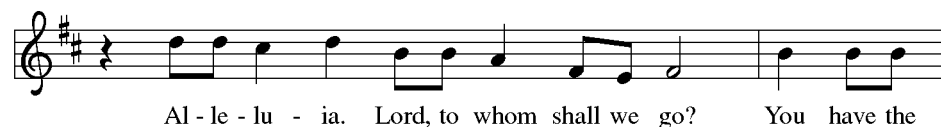
Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Alleluia"

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

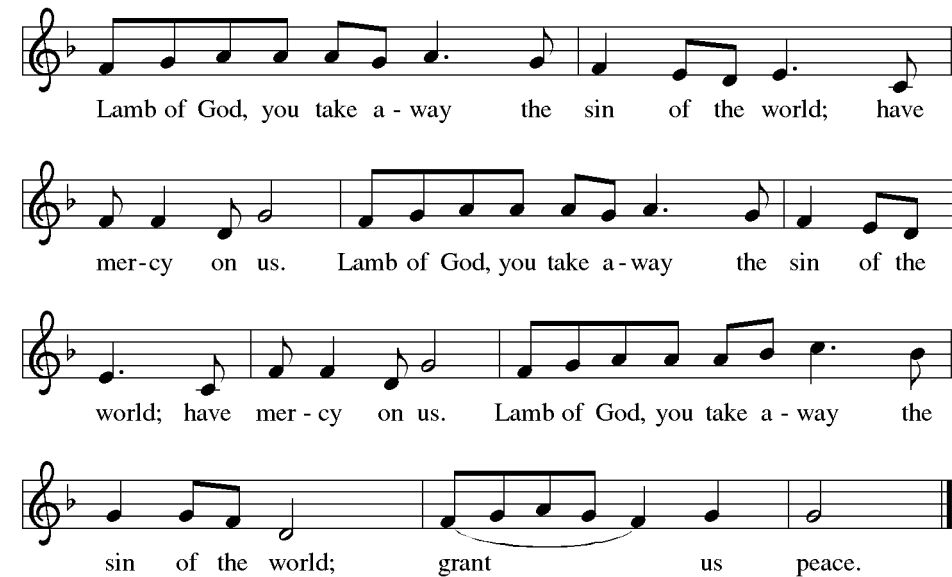
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

Luke 2:29-32



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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord Jesus to all baptized. If you have yet to receive baptism, you are welcome to come for a blessing. For those of you who choose, grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free Communion bread is available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#490, 439, 252

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

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

***THE GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 24:36-44

Response after announcement:
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“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 the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁹For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ⁴⁰and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴¹Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴³Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴⁴But 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. ⁴⁵Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Keeping Awake”

The Coming Disaster
A Checklist Keeping Spiritual Watch

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Am I ready or totally unaware of Christ’s coming?

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, is coming and will set all things right.

On Discipleship - Learning of and from Jesus: Update your emergency supplies. Choose to pray in Christ, morning and evening, Sunday by Sunday, keeping watch of your loved ones and of your own soul. What is your take away for following Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"My Lord, What a Morning"* ELW #438

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers continue and conclude with this petition:

P: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Matthew 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

ANTHEM

"Celtic Advent Carol"

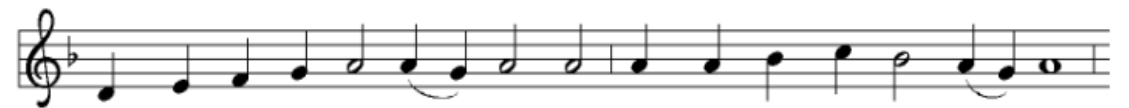
CHANCEL CHOIR

D. Angerman and M. Barrett

***LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE**



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(pray together)

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.