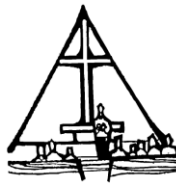


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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE

Reflection
Pastorale

Kerry J. Beaumont
Francois Couperin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ***Choir only***

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *People, Look East* ELW # 248

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* p. 99

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

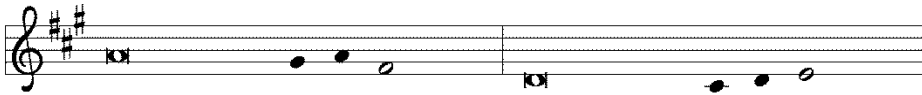
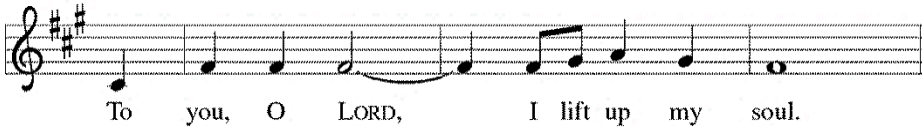
FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

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PSALM – Psalm 25:1-10

Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

*Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.*



To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths. R**

**⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting. R**

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R**

SECOND LESSON I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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*GOSPEL

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-36

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***(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

***(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW # 840

As the congregation sings, worshippers who have brought their statements of intent are asked to proceed to the chancel and place them there. These statements reflect our commitment and part in the work of God's kingdom. Those unable to do so, or who choose not to, may place their card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

Advent Prayer

Mark Patterson

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

ELW # 885

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW # 250

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW # 715

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW # 631

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW # 551

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Fling Wide the Door

ELW # 259

***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Paul Taylor

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Today, November 29	9:30am Worship Service – First Sunday of Advent-Pledge Sunday 10:45am Sunday School Classes, Teen/High School Class 11:00am Adult Education Class 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists – Coffee Room
Tuesday, December 1	6:00pm Board of Stewardship Meeting 6:30pm Book Club 7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, December 2	6:45pm Midweek Advent Vespers Service 7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 3.....	3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:30pm 7 th Day Adventist Prayer Group
Friday, December 4	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, December 5.....	6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb 9:30am – 12:30pm 7 th Day Adventists 5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
Sunday, December 6.....	9:30am Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent 10:45am Sunday School Classes, Teen/High School Class 11:00am Adult Education Class 12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Malachi 3:10



Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!

