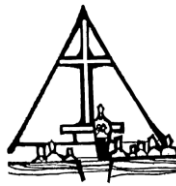


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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

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

Always With Me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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***OPENING HYMN/LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

People, Look East

ELW # 248

***GREETING**

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***KYRIE**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

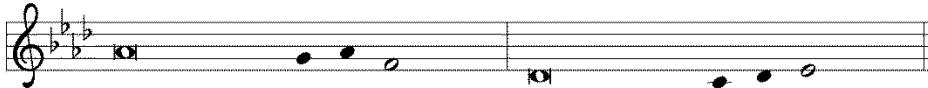
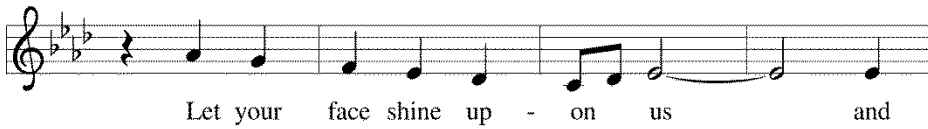
FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

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PSALM – Psalm 80:1-8, 17-19

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

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



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph¹ like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-¹ on the cherubim.

**²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,¹ and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and¹ come to help us.**

³Restore¹ us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we¹ shall be saved.

**⁴O LORD¹ God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your¹ people pray? R**

⁵You have fed them with the¹ bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of¹ tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision¹ of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh¹ us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we¹ shall be saved.

**¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at¹ your right hand,
the one you have made so strong¹ for yourself. R**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a-¹ way from you;
give us life, that we may call up-¹ on your name.

**¹⁹Restore us, O LORD¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we¹ shall be saved. R**

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 1:3-9

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

*** (P) The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37**

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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** p. 127 (blue tab)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING *Wake, Awake!*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

***OFFERING PRAYER** p. 107

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** p. 112

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 p. 112

Comfort, Comfort Now My People ELW # 256

Hark, the Glad Sound! ELW # 239

Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW # 295

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION** p. 114

***CLOSING HYMN** *Fling Wide the Door* ELW # 259

***DISMISSAL** p. 115

POSTULDE *To Zanarkand*

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.



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, December 3.....9:30am Worship Service – Pledge Sunday
10:45am Sunday School/TEEN Classes
11:00am Adult Education
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Monday, December 47:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, December 6.....11:00am Worship Service at Cardigan Ridge
6:45pm Advent Worship Service
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 73:00pm Worship Service at the Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Saturday, December 99:30am 7th Day Adventists
5:00pm – 7:00pm 7th Day Adventists – Upstairs Classroom

Sunday, December 109:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School/TEEN Classes
11:00am Adult Education
11:00am Worship Service at the Homestead of Lake Phalen
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

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:

Our health is given by this food; our food, dear Lord, comes by your grace. Our thanks we offer in return at every meal and in every place. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Matthew 5:3



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”