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Summer and Winter...

Join with all nature in
manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

-T.O. Chisholm

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “An Advent Invitation”

The Church Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent is the period of four weeks before Christmas. The word itself means ‘coming’ in Latin, and so Advent is a celebration of waiting, of anticipating Christ Jesus’ arrival into our world.

There are three times of ‘coming’ that Christians observe during Advent. The first happened about 2,000 years ago when Jesus – God Himself – entered into our human existence as a baby. He then lived a wholly good life, a life He came to willingly sacrificed on the cross. Three days later, Jesus Christ rose again, promising forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who know and follow Him. The second ‘coming,’ therefore, can happen now! Jesus offers to enter into our lives, to guide us through our every day. Finally, the third ‘coming’ will happen in the future. Jesus has promised to return to us, to begin the final and never-ending age of God’s new creation.

Please join us now as we eagerly await the coming of Christ Jesus!

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You created us to be Your representatives to the world. Then, even when we failed in that task, You continued to cherish us.

ALL: **When we rebelled, when we ran from You, You still wanted the best possible outcome for us.**

PASTOR: Every day, LORD God, You are working to restore us to the good and eternal life for which You created us.

ALL: **This was Your mission as Jesus Christ. You lived, suffered, died, and rose again to miraculously defeat sin and death for us.**

PASTOR: That has given us Your favor. Despite our shortcomings, You call us Your people, and that is why we worship today. Amen.

Prayer of the Day – Advent of Prophecy

ALL: Loving God, You have promised to come to us, to be with us, and to return to us as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Give us patience as we wait for those prophecies – for Your perfect promises – to come to pass. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

First Reading

Jeremiah 50:17-20

Psalm 137:1-4, 7-8

READER: 01 Beside the rivers of Babylon,
we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem.

**ALL: 02 We put away our harps,
hanging them on the branches of poplar trees.**

READER: 03 For our captors demanded a song from us.
Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn:

“Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!” they mocked.

**ALL: 04 But how can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a pagan land?**

READER: 07 O LORD, remember what the Edomites did
on the day the armies of Babylon captured Jerusalem.

ALL: “Destroy it!” they yelled.

“Level it to the ground!”

READER: 08 O Babylon, *you* will be destroyed.

**ALL: Happy is the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:12-14

♪ The Annunciation – A Promise of the Savior’s Arrival

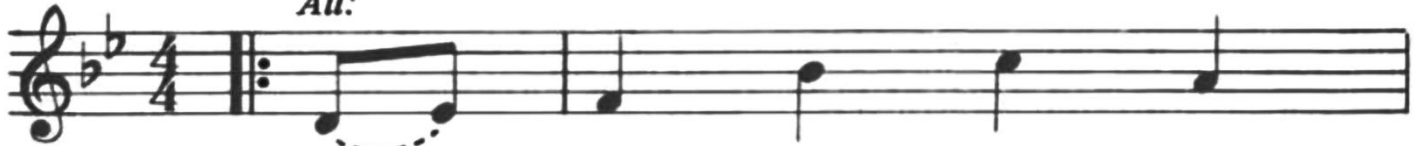
✦ ♪ The Magnificat – Our Response to God’s Promise

ALL: (See the following pages for music and lyrics.)

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

All:



1.3. My ——— soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y



great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah — and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Returning the Favor"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Even So Come"

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

♪ The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, which 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.**

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing "All the People Said Amen"

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Visitors are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Ethan or talk to one of the ushers about our American Lutheran Church family!

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Marlys Arenson, Ellie Fearing, Lee Fearing, Eugene Holmquist, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and Tom Wieggers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Sue & Dennis Kaneski in honor of their children and grandchildren. Thank you for ensuring God’s Word can reach people over the airwaves! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$75. Thank you!

Please consider signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Mark and Teresa Pachan, Head Ushers, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: December 5, 2021

Ezekiel 5:1-4 1 Peter 3:3-5, 7

Psalms 102:18-22 Luke 12:4-7

Sermon Title: “A Hairy Situation”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Ushers: The Shultz Family

Music: Worship Team

Acolyte: Ethan Barthel

Reader: Blain Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Trustees, if there are any changes in your committee's budget, please notify the trustees ASAP. We need to work on that VERY soon.

The December issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

REMINDER, for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!**

From the Nominating Committee, if you are asked to serve in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance. If you are interested in serving, please contact Blanche Tirk, Betty Oliver or Jammie Hedlund.

CHURCH OUTREACH

Missionaries: Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

Prayer Partners is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org. If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

Our Mission Focus for November.....is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 106

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,760.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$203,586.16

Receipts: \$188,088.54

Actual expenses: \$176,622.63

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YOUTH & FAMILY

November 28th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

November 28th: Church Family Advent Festival
December 1st: Mission Trip Fundraising Supper
December 1st: Quest Family Night!
December 19th: ALC Christmas Program at 9am Worship



Church Family Advent Festival

TODAY!

**Stay after worship to help
decorate the
church for Advent!**

**Join us for a potluck
meal at noon.**

Quest Family Night!

Wednesday, Dec. 1st

6-7:30pm

First Baptist Church

Join us for Christmas JOY!



Mission Trip Fundraising Supper

Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 5:30

Come out for pulled pork
sandwiches and support our ALC
youth for the 2022 mission trip!

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Nov. 28th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service**
 10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am **Church Family Advent Festival**
 11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting
 12:00 pm **Potluck Dinner**
- Mon. Nov. 29th** **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Nov. 30th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 1st** **5:30 pm** **Family Night Supper – Mission Trip
 Fundraiser**
 5:50 pm Confirmation Class
 6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night at Baptist
 Church
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 7:30 pm Deacon Meeting
- Sun. Dec. 5th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
 10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am – 11:30 am Sunday School

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on website.