



Preparation for Worship:

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” (Psalm 25:4-5, NIV).

Please stand as you are able **Bold Items read in unison*

GATHERING *We come together to worship God*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation/Call to Worship: **May [the Lord] strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.** (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *O How Shall I Receive Thee* Red **#3**

Communion Exhortation

Confession of Sin: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Response (sung,#6, v.3): **Di-vine Re-deem-er, glo-rious King, Re-pent-ant heart to Thee we bring. Thy ho-ly blood for us was spilt; Cleanse us from all the stains of guilt.**

Declaration of Grace

Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

WORD – *We seek guidance from God’s Word*

Jeremiah 33:14–16 Old Testament

Psalms 25:1-10 Responsive Reading

* Luke 21:25-36 * Gospel

* 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, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.**

* Gloria Patri: (sung, p. 4) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Offertory (sung, p. 33 for melody) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope & Children’s Sermon

Hymn – *Savior of the Nations, Come* Red **#11**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Epistle

Sermon – *May the Lord* Pastor Barry Nelson

* Hymn – *Joy to the World!* Red **#18**

MEAL *The Table of Our Lord*

* Lord’s Prayer: **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.**

Holy Communion

SENDING *We go out to live in & share God’s Word*

* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

All Nations Family Worship Center is requesting donations of cookies or bars for their Christmas Soup Supper. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Pickup date will be Wednesday, December 11. Ziploc bags or disposable containers are requested. If you have questions, please contact Jan Jerke at 605-770-3002.

Prayer for Hope

You once told the prophet Isaiah
that those who hoped in you
would have the wings of eagles.
Things are getting me down, Lord.
I need those wings and I’m not the only one.
With them, I can never completely fall
and the world stands to gain
by the perseverance I urgently seek.
Amen. —Richard Armstrong

This Week in the Parish - December 1 - 8

TODAY! *Fireman's Breakfast in Tripp*
2:00 pm Christmas Decorating at First American

WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Confirmation at Hope
7:30 pm Joint Advent Service at Hope with
Hope Council meeting following the service

SUNDAY *Legion Pancake Breakfast in Delmont*
9:00 am First American Worship
9:30 am Hope Sunday School
10:00 am First American Sunday School
10:45 am Hope Worship

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – November 24, 2024

First American: General—\$2246. Benevolence—\$60. Thanksgiving Offering for Samaritan's Purse—\$50. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shipping—\$25. WMF Lunch Stand for OCC Shipping—\$776.71. The Son Network for Pastor Scheiermann—\$100. Sunday school—\$14. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome! Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. Welcome to worship. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.

Health Needs of our Members: Sandy Baier. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Brian Mogck. Norma Mogck. Del Neumeister & Sue Neumeister.

Health Needs: *Rhett Albers* (Jordan Albers father-in-law). *Jane (Weisser) Dahme* (Gary Jerke's cousin). *Roy Neumeister* (brother of Del Neumeister). *Donna Soulek* (daughter of Eilene Bitterman). *Jessica Stockman* (sister of Pastor Barry).

Sympathy: Prayers for the friends and family of Duane Mogck (brother-in-law of Norma Mogck), Linda Nelson (Pastor Barry's mom), Bailey Olson (son-in-law of Pinky Huether's cousin) and *Leroy Weisser* (Delmont Community).

Birthdays: 1 Candyce Mogck. 4 Jim Bietz. 5 Jordan Albers, Eilene Bitterman. 7 Bryan Bietz.

Anniversary: 3 Rachel Fuerst & Matt Bolster.

AFLC Churches: Living Faith Lutheran, Boyertown, PA; King of Glory Lutheran, Shakopee, MN; Calvary Free Lutheran, Arlington, SD.

Mission: Abbott House in Mitchell, SD.

"I am the Lord" rings everywhere like the refrain of the heavens.

— Charles Williams in *He Came Down From Heaven*

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Today's Readings

December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.”

Psalm 25:1-10

¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

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

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

¹⁰ **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon Text: Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

"May the Lord"

December 1, 2024

1. Clear the Way

2. Increase Your Love

3. Strengthen Your Hearts