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**November 27, 2022 - First Sunday in Advent**

**10:30 AM - Communion Service/ WOV Setting 5 - Bread of Life**

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## **Introduction to Worship**

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

## **Welcome - Announcements**

## **Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)**

**P:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**C:** Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of new beginnings,

**C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ☩ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - "Each Winter as the Year Grows Older" ..... WOV #628**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray. . . 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.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

### **First Reading: 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!"*

L: The First Reading is from the second chapter of Isaiah

<sup>2</sup>In 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. <sup>3</sup>Many 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.  
<sup>4</sup>He 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 anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Lighting the First Candle of the Advent Wreath**

**Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... ELW 27 vs. 1**

*Place figures in Manger*

#### **Blessing Prayer**

Gaun Family: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... ELW 27 vs. 5**

*Lighting of 1<sup>st</sup> Candle*

#### **Second Reading: 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.*

L: The Second Reading is from the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

<sup>11</sup>Besides 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; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

**C: Alleluia. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)**

## **The Holy Gospel - Matthew 24:36-44**

*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.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

P: [Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.     **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day - “My Lord, What a Morning” ..... WOV #627**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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 has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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**

### **Prayers and Intercessions:**

P: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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P: God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (especially). God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict (especially). Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Choir Anthem: "The King of Glory" ..... RW #105**

**Presentation of the Gifts..... WOV pg. 34**

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come**

### Offertory Prayer

P: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving ..... WOV pg. 206**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

### Preface

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted

your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” ..... WOV pg. 36**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**C: 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.**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

**“Lamb of God” ..... WOV pg. 39**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)**

**Hymn during Distribution- “What Feast of Love” ..... WOV #701**

### **Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)**

#### **Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

P: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song: “Each Winter as the Year Grows Older” ..... WOV #628**

## **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Helping in Worship**

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Aquino
Altar	- Linda Sauter & Mark Harwick
Lector	- Mark Harwick
Greeters	- Frank & Joan Mammana
Communion Usher	- Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	- Becky Praster & Val Mc Ginn
Administration & Technology	- Ken Anderson
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES**

- **Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am - THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
- Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - 1-3:00 PM – Adult Bible Study at Seipt/Hlavaty home.
- Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Community Dinner
- Please join us for this year’s free Community Dinner at the Riegelsville Fire Company on Saturday, December 3rd. Seatings are available on the hour, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. We are also still collecting donations for the Bake-less Bake Sale. Envelopes are by the church sign-in book. We can use volunteers on that day to serve and prepare the meal. Please see Jim or Karen Beerer to sign up for volunteering or to get tickets. You can also call Karen at 240.893.5162.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITES**

- **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
- Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual budget meeting after worship.
- Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Worship & Music Committee Meeting - following the Budget mtg.
- Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas tree decorating in the sanctuary
- **Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am – THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
- Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Congregation Cover Dish Luncheon – right after worship
- Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM - Live Nativity rehearsal
- Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM – Council Meeting
- Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – Decorating of Sanctuary
- Saturday December 17 – 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM -Live Nativity
- **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM – THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
- Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Following worship – Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>– 7:00 PM -THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/CHRISTMAS EVE**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> –THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/CHRISTMAS DAY**
  - **10:30 AM – Service of Lessons and Carols**
- **OFFICE CLOSED THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.**

### **BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

- November BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Crouse; NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Hlavaty, Jordyn Trauger; DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>- Kerri Rhine; DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> - Blake Trauger; DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> - Rowan Froehlich
- NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> - Clayton Leichliter
- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES -
- NOVEMBER “OUTREACH OFFERINGS” are designated for World Hunger.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations.

You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Donald Seipt; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler;

Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Saxton Vargo; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the grieving:** Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Jeffrey Tapler

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## *Christmas Flowers*

It is time to order Poinsettias to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until December 12. You can place your check and completed order form in Victoria Phillipps mailbox located in the back of the church, or you can order by mail. Send your check and completed order form to: Victoria Phillipps, 100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville, PA 18077. Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. Please make sure to include your Name and phone number in the space provided below. The flowers will be in the church on the 18th and can be taken home after Xmas Eve service. Any questions, please contact Victoria at 610-346-1996

<b>Name:</b>			<b>Phone Number:</b>	
Quantity	Plant Description	Price	Total Amount	In Honor/In Memory of
	Red Poinsettia	\$8.00		
	White Poinsettia	\$8.00		
	<b>Grand Total</b>			