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**1 ADVENT**

**November 27, 2022**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Call to worship:**

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the World

**A light no darkness can overcome**

Stay with us all bright days and all dark nights

**A new day is just beginning**

Let your light scatter the darkness,

**And shine within your people here.**

**Evening Hymn: *Holden Booklet Page 3***

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trust in the tender mercy of our God. The words are found here in your bulletins.

God for whom we wait,  
**In the presence of one another we confess our sin before you.**  
**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**  
**We falter in our call to tend for your creation.**  
**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**  
**We fear those different from ourselves.**  
**We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.**  
**Forgive us, blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.**  
**Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:**

We praise you O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent.

**As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with Joy.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

**Candle Lighting Song:** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW #240 Verse One.*

**Word**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

**Evening Thanksgiving & Psalmody:** *Holden Booklet Page 4-7*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:36-44*

**Response:** ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Response to Reading:** The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Hymn of the Day:** *ELW 257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Annunciation and Magnificat:** *Holden Booklet Page 8-9*

**Litany and prayers:** *Holden Booklet Page 10-11*

**Lord's Prayer:** *Holden Booklet Page 11*

**Offertory Hymn:** *ELW #583, Verse 1*

**Peace:**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Final Blessing:** *Holden Booklet Page 12*

**Sending Hymn:** *ELW 260 The King Shall Come*

**Dismissal:** Christ is the Light. Go in Peace, share the good news.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR HOLDEN BOOKLETS ON YOUR PEW**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** – after the Service

**FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE OF BISHOP PRYCE:** *“I am strongly recommending that all participants return to wearing a **well-fitting mask** during in-person worship as well as during all indoor social events.”*

Please also respect people’s **need for distance** in the pews!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** A limited supply of free booklets are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also access the devotions on the LAMP website [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES 2023:** Please indicate your need to the Church Office. Full boxes for weekly offerings or smaller packages of envelopes are available. Any envelopes from previous years that you have at home can be used as well.

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND BUDGET REQUESTS:** It would be appreciated if 2022 reports from all groups and committees and budget requests for 2023 would be submitted to the Church Office by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SEWING GROUP BLANKETS SALE** November 27, December 4 and 11. All proceeds to CLWR.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4: Communion** - Pastor Doug Reble preaching and presiding.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11: Carolling at Tranquility Place** from 3-4 pm. All singers welcome. Please see Ginny Byron.

**CLWR GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** Meaningful, tangible gifts for Christmas.

Catalogues available on the table at the back or online at [clwr.org/GFTH](http://clwr.org/GFTH)

**NEED FOR GROCERY BAGS** for our Food Pantry. Please drop off anytime.

## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

Isabel Neeb

Eberhard Poelzl

Grace Mueller

Gladys Souliere

David Neumann

Stephen Kovacs

Jennifer Cherewka

Dave Souliere

Patty Davis

Joan and Jackie

Miranda

Luke