

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025 - 10:00 am

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church Webster, WI

GATHERING

*Denotes stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

+ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

We wait for the day when God will turn swords into plowshares.

O Emmanuel, Wake us up to your coming.

We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us.

O Emmanuel, Wake us up to your coming.

*GATHERING HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 (v1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings light to darkness and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

WORD

We hear God's word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

² In days to come

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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 any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

- ² Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

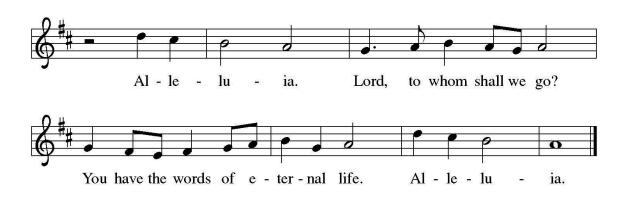
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the

days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

People, Look East

ELW 248

Pastor Peter Johnson

*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Response:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

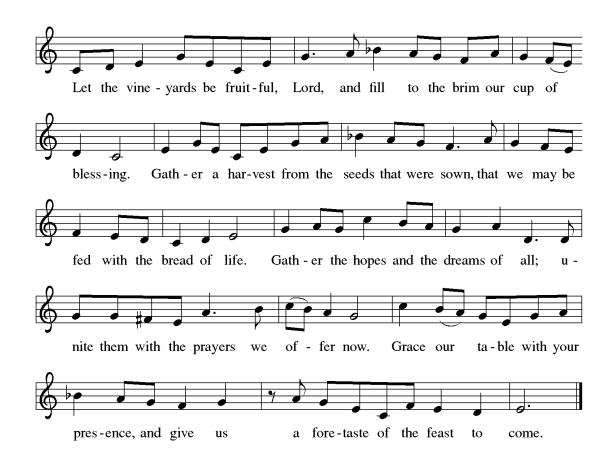
MEAL

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Let The Vineyards

ELW 182



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

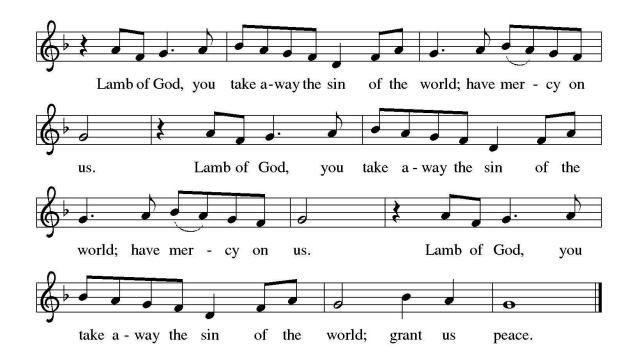
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The table is set. The meal is prepared. Come, ALL are welcome to the feast!

COMMUNION Lamb of God



COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW 244

BENEDICTION SONG May the Lord Bless You



Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The white rose on the altar is placed there by the congregation in thanksgiving to God for the life of Barbara Alice Umholtz. Blessed be her memory.

Poinsettia orders are now being taken for our Christmas Celebration. If you' d like to participate, please complete the form included in the bulletin and include a check made out to "Lakeside" with the memo "Poinsettias". Forms can be placed in the offering basket or in the office mailbox. If you have questions, please call Linda Spidel at (952) 334-1914. The deadline for orders is December 8, 2025. Your poinsettia can be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, December 28th.

Prayer Concerns: Elaine Davis, Marilyne Gallman, Anne Gelein, Mary & Tom Heenan, Hitomi Henderson, Jolyne Peterson, Diane Roberts, Faith

Snyder, Mark Snyder, Dorothy VanPykeren and Danny Wheeler. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

Thank you to today's participants: Pastor Peter Johnson; Organist Judi Wilson; Our Lakeside Choir; Producer Tim Smith, Counters Deb & Roger Jackson; Shepherding Conveners Bob & Vicki Struve; and Shepherds Terri Elfstrom, Deb & Roger Jackson, Ken & Norma Olson, Chuck Royce, and Jill Schroeder.

This Week at Lakeside:

Monday, Dec. 1 11:30 am - ADRC*

6 pm - Yoga

Tuesday, Dec. 2 9 am - Mission Quilters

11:30 am - ADRC*

7 pm - AA/Alanon

Wednesday, Dec. 3 9 am - Yoga

9:30 am - Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 4 Fellowship at JoMama's

8 am - Men's Breakfast

9 am - Women's Coffee

9 am - Property Committee

10 am - Community Quilters

11:30 am - ADRC*

Friday, Dec. 5 11:30 am - ADRC*

Sunday, Dec 7 9:00 am - Sunday School

9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal

10 am - Worship with Holy Communion

**call for reservations:* 715-349-2154