



## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 get ready for what? Only heaven knows.  
O Emmanuel, **Prepare us for your coming.**

We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends.

O Emmanuel, **Prepare us for your coming.**

We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives.

O Emmanuel, **Prepare us for your coming.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 (v3-4)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **Advent Echo Carol**

### **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,
- <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.  
<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall  
be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no  
more.

<sup>18</sup> **Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup> Whatever was written in former days was written for our  
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of  
the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness  
and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one  
another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you  
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed  
you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a  
servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order  
that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup> and  
that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,  
“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,  
“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup> and again,  
“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,

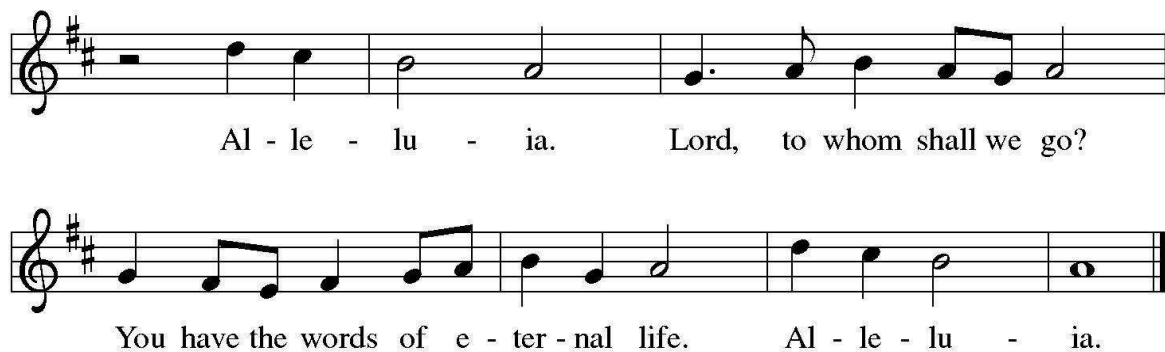
“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Alleluia**



### **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt

around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Peter Johnson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry    ELW 249**

**\*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.**



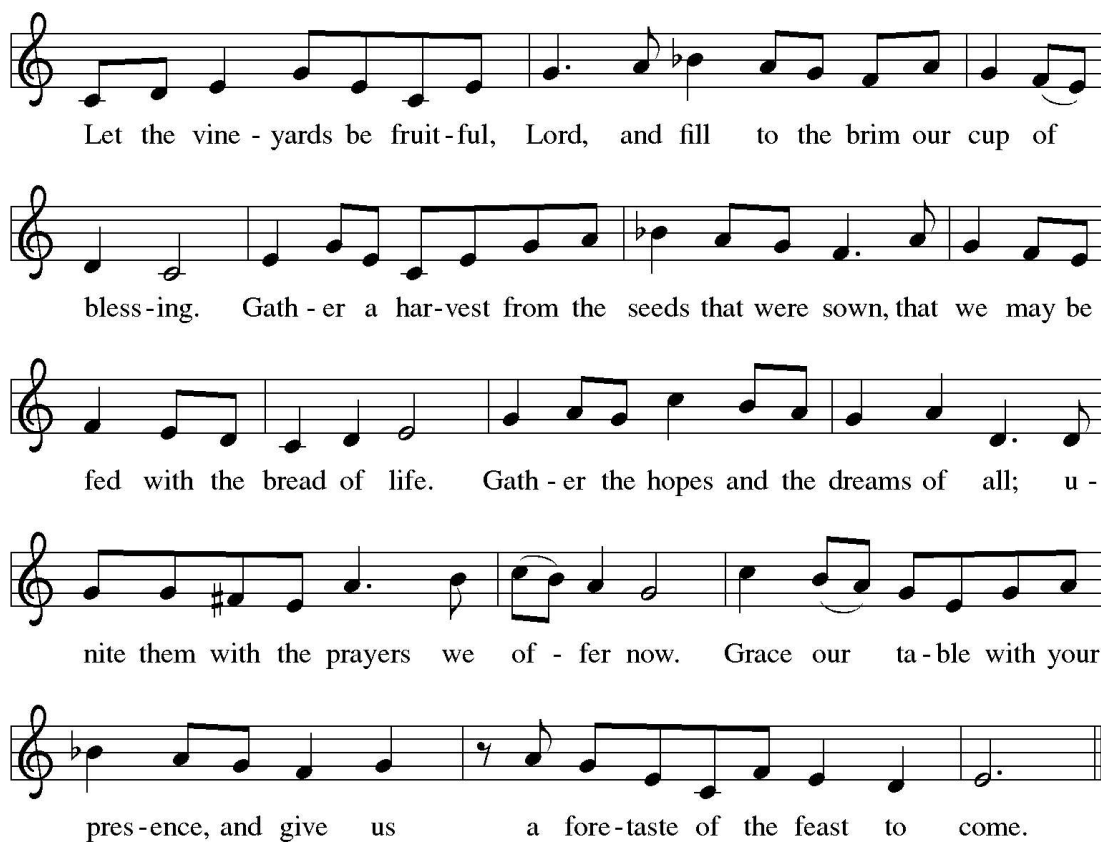
## MEAL

### THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Let The Vineyards

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### 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.

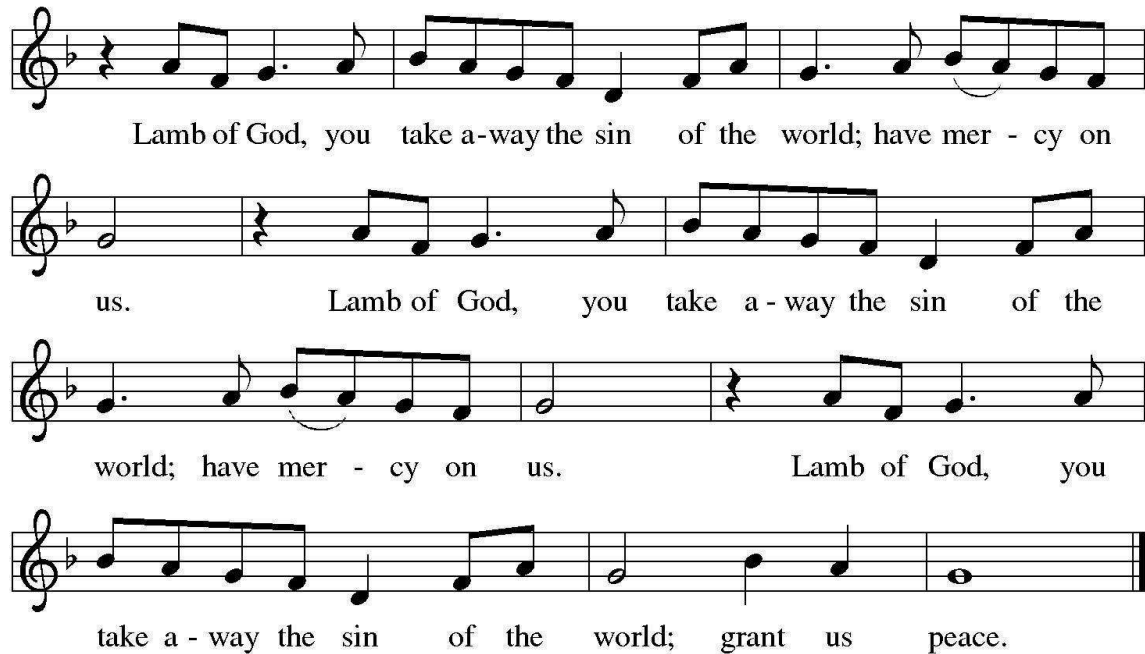
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG

### I Come With Joy

ELW 482

## 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

## CLOSING HYMN

### In His Temple Now Behold Him

ELW 4174

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION SONG

### May the Lord Bless You



Go in peace. Do not lose heart. For we are preparing for His coming!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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**Welcome to Lakeside!** We extend a warm welcome to those who have come to share our worship service. Visitors, please fill out the blue Guest Connection Card and leave it in the offering plate. Let this be your gift to us! We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service in the fellowship hall.

**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.

**December Mission of the Month** will support Yellow Lake Food Distribution. The Endowment Committee will match up to \$3,000 of donations received. Let's support this much needed ministry in our community and fully fund the food distribution for the month of December

**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 Margy Rogers; Counters and Shepherding Conveners Pat & Daryl Sulander; Shepherds Carol Aakhus, Joyce Bailey, Donna Devic, Steve & Marilyn Gallman, Mary Heenan, Sue Oslund, Mick Peterson, and Bob & Vicki Struve.

**Please take note of Lakeside's new phone number: (715) 624-4664.**

## **This Week at Lakeside:**

Monday, Dec. 8	11:30 am - ADRC* 6 pm - Yoga
Tuesday, Dec. 9	9 am - Mission Quilters 11:30 am - ADRC* 4 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7 pm - AA/Alanon
Wednesday, Dec. 10	9 am -Yoga 9:30 am - Bible Study
Thursday, Dec. 11	Fellowship at JoMama's 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Women's Coffee 11:30 am - ADRC*
Friday, Dec. 12	11:30 am - ADRC*
Sunday, Dec 14	9:00 am - Sunday School 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal 10 am - Worship with Holy Communion
<i>*call for reservations:</i>	715-349-2154

