



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

November 21, 2021,

Christ the King Sunday

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

For Worship today, **“Let Us Enter In”** (yellow booklet)

Prelude

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb. Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb. Death could not hold him down, for he is risen! Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God! Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb. Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb. Death could not hold him down, for he is risen! Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God! Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb. Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am Strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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“You Are Holy”

First Word

Red Worship Book 433

Red Worship Book 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

“I Come with Joy”

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.

AS Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, a live among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

“Welcome Table”

- 1 I’m a-going to eat at the welcome table,
I’m a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I’m a-going to eat at the welcome table,
I’m a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
- 2 I’m a-going to feast on milk and honey,
I’m a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
I’m a-going to feast on milk and honey,
I’m a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
- 3 I’m a-going to fly all around in heaven,
I’m a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.
I’m a-going to fly all around in heaven,
I’m a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.
- 4 I’m a-going to wade cross Jordan’s river,
I’m a-going to wade cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.
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I’m a-going to wade cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

Ringling of the Bell and Lighting of Candles

Confession of Sins

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Invocation “In the name of God our Maker” on pg. 1

“Let Us Enter In”

Opening Song: “Come let us worship our God” pg. 1

“Let Us Enter In”

Kyrie on pg. 2

“Let Us Enter In”

Song of Praise on page 2

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Salutation on page 3

“Let Us Enter In”

Prayer of Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia on page 4

"Let Us Enter In"

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

On bended knee, with needy hearts, we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children. With willing hearts and open arms, we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children. With simple word of heartfelt thanks, we come. Believing in your promises, we come. On bended knee, with needy hearts, we come and pray. Lord listen to your children, listen to your children.

Children's Sermon

Elaine Garaghty

Sermon

“Thanks and Giving”

Elaine Garaghty

But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. For this I was born, and for this I came in to the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. John 18:36-37

When Pastor asked if I would do the sermon for today, I said of course, no problem, piece of pie! Then I started looking at the lessons and the gospel. How in the world do I write a sermon about Jesus and Pilates conversation? What a downer. I mean we are coming up on Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I wanted to do a positive Thanksgiving message.

In Bible Study, we talk about Jesus and his life. Would we have his strength to give up our life for our faith? God sent his only Son down to save us. Jesus knew what laid ahead for Him. He said it numerous times in his life, “so it is written”. Knowing he would be betrayed by His disciples, whipped, crowned with thorns, spit on, crucified – for our sins. Jesus gave us eternal life knowing how we would behave after saving us from our sins. Not the best thanks we can give.

One of my required readings this year for Lay Leader Ministry is “Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Not the easiest reading. I was struck by his life and how he lived. Born in 1906 in Germany, he studied and was well versed in theology. He was brave enough to call Hitler a “misleader” and participated in the assassination attempt against Hitler. He was arrested and imprisoned. Shortly before the camp was liberated, he was executed by special order of Heinrich Himmler. As he was separated from the other prisoners, he told one “This is the end, but for me it is the beginning of life”.

Colossians 4:2-4 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

Have you seen the movie ‘The Ten Commandments’ with Charlton Heston? Remember the scene when Heston/Moses comes down from the mountain and he is physically transformed? I know I have been transformed, maybe not physically, but the flame of our Creator, Great Lord Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit are burning stronger in me. How else do you explain that at the end of an 8 hour Zoom class I am saying “What? Already? Done? We just started!

Pastor Brenda, Mindy our Youth Director, Rick Dunkley, Church Council, Office staff, musical staff, Kevin for filming, Ushers, Bible Study members, Custodians, Altar Guild, All Boards, current, past and future members, thanks.

I believe it was Hillary Clinton that once said: ‘It takes a village to raise a child’. It takes a congregation to maintain and spread God’s word. I ask this question to everyone, member, visitor. What can you do to grow your faith? We all know heating, food costs, are all going up. And none of us know what the bills are going to look like. Maybe you have a talent or some time to help this wonderful church. Let Pastor or the Evangelism/Stewardship board know. Pray on it.

May you all have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.

“You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord, to give up I’d be a fool. You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name.

Raking y sin, my cross, my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all

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Prayers for the People of God on page 5

“Let Us Enter In”

The Great Thanksgiving on page 7

“Let Us Enter In”

Holy, Holy, Holy on page 7

“Let Us Enter In”

Invitation and Words of Institution on page 8 and 9

“Let Us Enter In”

The Prayer of Christ (Lord’s Prayer) on page 9

“Let Us Enter In”

The Distribution of Communion (songs)

“Lamb of God” on pg. 10

“Let Us Enter In”

“We Are an Offering”

Red Worship Book 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Communion Blessing (when distribution is completed) on page 10 **“Let Us Enter In”**

Post-Communion Canticle (All Sing) on page 10 and 11 **“Let Us Enter In”**

Closing Prayer on page 11 **“Let Us Enter In”**

Blessing and Dismissal on page 11 **“Let Us Enter In”**

Sending Music **“The Family Prayer Song”** **First Word**

Come and fill our homes With Your presence You alone are worthy of our reverence

As for me and my house We will serve the Lord As for me and my house We will serve the Lord

As for me and my house We will serve the Lord We will serve the Lord

Lord, we vow to live holy Bowing our knees to You only

Staying together, praying together Any storm we can weather Trusting in God's Word We need each other

Fathers and mothers Sisters and brothers In harmony and love Come and fill our homes With Your presence

You alone are worthy of our reverence



****The Noisy offering this month is for ELCA World Hunger there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**

Next Week’s Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Psalm

Jeremiah 33:14-16

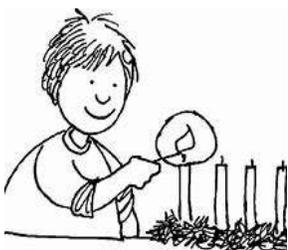
Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading

Gospel

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



Lighting of Advent Wreath

November 28th-First Sunday of Advent-Izzy Warman

December 5th- Second Sunday of Advent-Rjssa and Ella Steinke

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC/First Word/Elaine Garaghty preaching; Church Council after Worship.

Mon. December Newsletter Deadline; 6:30 pm All Boards.

Tues. 9 am Church-Glensheen field trip; 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 1:15 pm Pastor at Elderwood.

Wed. **Happy Thanksgiving-NO CONFIRMATION, FiA, WORSHIP OR YOUTH GROUP.**

Thurs. Deliver Thanksgiving Meals from Osprey.

Fri. Office closed.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC/First Sunday of Advent.



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Jean Bergum, Paul Shober, Dorothy Svendsen, Jon Youngblom, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil Seegebarth), David (brother of Colleen Volden), Gracie Edin, Debra Hocum (Kathryn Souer's daughter-in-laws mother), Yvonne Guptill, Bonnie Carlson (friend of Donna Martin), Ken Carlson (brother-in-law of Don Peterson), Drew (Mindy's brother), Vicki Marks, Colton Thompson, Reverend Norm Belland, Don Storlie (father of Jeremy Storlie), Kim Reisig (sister-in-law of Amy Tvedt), Tyler (son of Jan Peura), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and John Bassett.

For our members in care facilities ~ Ruta Kalnins and Dorothy Svendsen.

For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke



No Women's Bible Study during December.

No Romans' Women's Bible Study in December



**"All Inclusive Black Santa Experience", Saturday, December 4th
9 am-Noon**

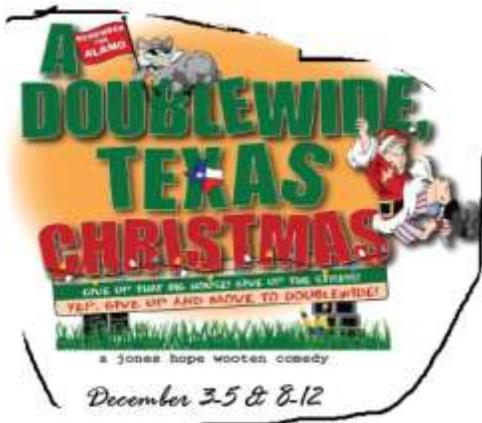
First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Santa is coming to town! See details below to reserve your time with Santa. Santa will be reading a Christmas Story to the children and each child will get a chance to sit with Santa and tell him their Christmas Wish, while Mom or Dad snap some photos. Then enjoy some cookies and cocoa from Mrs. Claus and color a Christmas picture. Plan about 1 hour for your Black Santa experience. All children are welcome!

Please reserve your spot to visit with our very special Black Santa by sending a private message to Amanda Lorraine, or call 651-895-3730 with questions. Please include a preferred time and how many children will be with you. You will receive a response with an assigned time for your visit. A \$10 donation is encouraged, but not required, in support of this community event. Look forward to seeing many there!.



We will be going to Glensheen Mansion on Tuesday, November 23rd. Please let Mindy (320-469-3774) know if you are interested in going. We will leave the church at 9 am. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for seniors 62+.



Woman on a Mission are

Sponsoring a trip on Thursday, December 9th (covering cost of tickets. Just bring \$\$ (money) to stop and eat.) There will be 15 spots. Sign-up sheet is on the big table in Narthex.

Questions??? Call Robin at 320-279-0961

Comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. In this outrageously funny comedy. It's Christmas-time in the newest-and-tiniest-town in Texas. And it's beginning to look a lot like trouble in Doublewide. Not only are the trailer park residents dealing with the stress of the holiday season, but they've just discovered that Doublewide

is being double-crossed by the County. With their official incorporation papers in jeopardy, this band of eccentric Texans throw themselves into taking on the "Big Guys." Determined to bolster their legitimacy, they first set their sights on the County-wide "Battle of The Manger" competition.



December and Advent Services

Wednesday Advent Services

We will be having two options for Advent Worship, just like we do during Lent.

Option one is simple soup/bread at 11:30 am followed by Worship on December 1st, 8th and 15th.

Free Will Donation for Kitchen Project.

OR

6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship with Holy Communion, December 1st and 8th.

6:30 pm Wednesday, December 15th-Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service with Holy Communion.

Sunday Advent Services

9:30 am Sunday, December 5th, and 12th. Worship with Holy Communion.

9:30 am Sunday, December 19th-Intergenerational Christmas Program with Advent Fair following Worship.

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24th- 4 pm and 9 pm-The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion.

NO Christmas Day Services.

9:30 am Worship Sunday, December 26th.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You are invited to make contributions toward the Christmas poinsettias to grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season.

We must have all donations by Sunday, December 5th. Each plant is \$14.00

You are also invited to share your Christmas poinsettia from home if you wish. Please have your plant at the church by 9 am Thursday, December 23rd. It's a good idea to mark your plant with your name so you are sure to get your same plant home with you.

Information for the Christmas bulletin will be taken from this form. Please complete and be sure to list the exact information you wish to have appear in the bulletin. Thank you.

****Please return this to the office or offering plate by Sunday, December 5th****

_____ I will bring a Christmas plant for the Sanctuary

_____ I wish to purchase a plant

_____ In loving memory of _____

_____ In loving honor of _____

From: _____

Drop your check to First Lutheran Church into the offering plate and be sure to mark it "POINSETTIAS- Altar Guild" on the memo line. Thank you!!