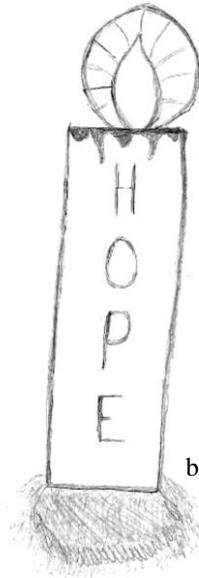


First Sunday of Advent
November 27th, 2021
9am Worship/Live Stream



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HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE

OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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In-Person Worship: 9:00am Livestream: 9:00am SS Hour 10:00am

Welcome Visitors! Please sign our guest book located in the narthex. *Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

The Gathering: Choir Sings

Confession And Forgiveness:

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

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

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 for reflection.

God of new beginnings, 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.

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, in whose name your sins are washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord! **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ACS # 1078 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

- 1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**
- 2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**
- 3 For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**
- 4 Lord, save us, take pity,
light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus)

Lord, have mercy on your people.

Christ have mercy on us.

Shine your light into our darkness.

Fill us with your holy love.

Be our strength in times of trouble.

Set us free from chains that bind.

Breathe new life into our spirits.

Purify our hearts and minds.

Hymn of Praise: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 289 Angels We Have Heard on High)

Glory be to God on high.

Peace, good will to all the earth.

Let us sing a joyful song

to the Christ, the Living Word.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

gloria in excelsis Deo.

Love has come to dwell with us.

Light now shines on everyone.

Hope has lifted up our hearts.

Joy has made in us a home. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day:

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. Amen.

THE WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn (Sung to the tune of ELW # 288 Good Christian Friends Rejoice)

This candle we will light, within God's holy sight,

Hope and peace and joy and love, Christ came to us from above!

This glowing light will guide our way, that he'll come back to us we pray!

Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In 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. ³Many 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. ⁴He 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. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!
This is 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.**
³Jerusalem 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.**
⁵For 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.**
⁷Peace be with-in your walls and quietness with-in your towers.
⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹Because 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 now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 267 Joy to the World)

Alleluia! To God we go!

With joy we praise your name!

You have the words, of everlasting life.

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu!

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu!

Al-le, Al-le, Al-le-lu-ia!

*Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th Chapter **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. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: ACS # 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

**1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.**

**2 Darker midnight lies before us,
 darker midnight lies before us,
 darker midnight lies before us,
 for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

**3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
 lo, the morning soon is breaking,
 lo, the morning soon is breaking,
 for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

**4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
 for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

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.**

Prayers of Intercession:

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

A brief silence.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth, between Ukraine and Russia, in Syria, in Afghanistan, and in all places hurt by war and conflict. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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. We pray especially for *Steve, Kathy, John, Wayne, Joe, Ann, Elise, Ian, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen*, and all those we name now before you whether out loud or in our hearts...God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.

*Offertory Hymn: # 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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 the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering prayer:

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 justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Communion

Great Thanksgiving (Sung to the tune of ELW # 283 O Come All Ye Faithful)

The Lord be with you

And with you, His servant.

Oh, come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render;

With joy we come before Him,

In gratefulness implore Him,

With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!

Preface: (sung to the tune of ELW #282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)

It is indeed our joy, our right, with hearts and hands and voice

To praise and magnify your name; in thankfulness rejoice!

Of old you promised peace on earth; a new creation to bring!

And so with church on earth and heav'n, and with the angels we sing:

*Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung to the tune of ELW # 270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!

Heav'n and earth cannot contain, All the glory of Your Name!

Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the name of God and King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to You!

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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(Our Father who art in Heaven....)

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: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God (Sung to the tune of ELW # 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

O Lamb of God you take away our sin:

Have mercy on us, Give us your peace.

Prepare us to receive your grace

And teach us how to follow your ways.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emanuel has come to you, O Israel.

Communion hymns: #'s (487, 250, 253)

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, 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. **Amen.**

*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Sending hymn: ELW # 246 Hark! A thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

**"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"**

**2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;**

**4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.**

**5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!**

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Steve Johnson, Kathy Gutting, John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Joe Minder, Ann Leonard, Elise Foley, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office. The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

Announcements:

Sunday November 27th 9am In-person & Livestream Worship (Choir Sings), **10am** Fellowship Hour (Sunshine Crew), **No** Sunday School Hour.

Sunday December 4th 9am In-person & Livestream Worship, **10am** Fellowship Hour (Raleigh and Peterson Family), **10am** Sunday School Hour.

Happy Birthday! **November (28th)** Cory Johnson, Jozlyn O'Brien **December (1st)** Jim Foley, Desirae Peterson (3rd) Spenser DuMond

Attention All Committees! It's budgeting time. In the next couple months, your Church Council will be working on the 2023 budget for Our Savior's. Please give some thought to your committee's financial needs for the upcoming year. It's most helpful in this planning process to get input directly from the committees, especially if you anticipate a significant change from this past year. You may submit this information to your council liaison or to the church office. Thank you.

Outstanding Bills: With needing to pay some large bills all at once, including insurance and prepaid gas. We currently owe \$10,097.61 to our designated account. Your generosity is helping us get that number down! Please prayerfully consider helping out by making an extra donation to this fund so we can continue to keep the building heated and our ministries going. Thank you, Our Savior's Council.



We have three families this year, a LOT of kids. The ornaments on the tree represent the “ball” family, the “stocking” family and the “mitten” family. When you take an ornament off the tree it **must be recorded** on the log sheet clipboards in the back pew before you take it home. **When you return the gift - the original ornament must be attached.** The “mitten” family wants to wrap their own gifts, so bring them back unwrapped with the ornament attached. The “ball” and “stocking” gifts may be gift-wrapped or not, but make sure the ornament is with the gift. All gifts must be returned to church by Dec. 4. The confirmation students will wrap gifts that need wrapping on Dec. 7, all gifts will be delivered by Dec. 12. Questions? Contact Sharon Peterson (715-821-8676), Pauline Laughnan (715-821-9698), or Heather Johnson (715-821-3039). We have one family in need of a “triple” bunk bed, if you know of one please contact one of us. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity (and for following all of these instructions J).



Candy Walk Fundraiser: I am teaming up with Patricia again this year to raise money for the College kits and help with continued improvements at the ball field. We are going to have the Candy Walk on **Saturday Dec.10th from 8am to 12pm.** We are doing this in conjunction with St Paul's Church's annual cookie walk. We are asking for your help to make homemade Candy, and maybe some Norwegian treats. We would love to see up to 10 dozen of one item. Please have the treats to the Church before or on set-up day Friday

December 9th. We are also asking for crafts - if you are crafty and not a baker that works too. The Silent Auction Youth Fundraiser will also be set up for all to bid on.

The cost for the walk will be \$10.00 per pound and any specialty items will be priced individually. We will be set-up before church and after the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 11th.

Please help us with our fundraiser - we are excited and hope the community will be as well. If you have any questions – Donna Constant 715-307-0451



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **November** we will be collecting light weight food items for

the **Back Pack Program;** Items can include; microwave popcorn, dry packets of soup mix, ramen noodles and etc... Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations excepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Lets help end hunger in Pierce County.

Youth News!



Sunday School Hour! Sunday December 4th. We will meet in the Sanctuary after the 9am Worship. Christmas Program is Sunday December 11th at 10:30am.

CAMPFIRE CHRISTMAS



Join Luther Point Bible Camp on December 10th, 4-7 p.m. Dinner, entertainment, Christmas S'mores and more! Each meal is \$7 if purchased ahead of time (\$8 at the door) Family maximum of \$28. We will be serving a Honey Glazed Ham Supper. For questions please contact the camp office: 715-689-2347



Silent Auction Fundraiser: Will continue until Sunday December 11th. Please take the time to look at all the wonderful baskets and items that have been prepared. Proceeds will go towards the youth's individual account and the 2023 Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Mark Your Calendars! All are invited to Join us for S.O.S. Kids Crew on Wednesday, December 14th for Christmas Caroling at Preferred Senior Living and The Ellsworth Health Services.

Our Christmas Caroling Schedule for Wednesday, December 14th – Please join us!

3:50pm Bus will pick us up at Church

4:00pm Christmas Caroling at Preferred Senior Living

4:30pm Bus ride to The Ellsworth Health Services

4:45pm Christmas Caroling begins at The Ellsworth Health Services

5:15pm Bus ride back to Church

5:30pm Youth Family Meal hosted by the Lundstrom Family

2023 Scripture Calendars and Christmas Card Sets: are available to purchase on the youth table in fellowship Hall for \$8.00. Thank you for supporting our 2023 Mission Trip!