



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to prepare the way;

The way for Christ –

the hope of Christ, and the peace of Christ –
to enter our world, and to enter our hearts.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole life long.

We will not trust in the power of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place. AMEN

***FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world...Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.’” (John 8:12)

Leader: Why do we light this candle?

All: This candle reminds us of the promise of the prophets that a Messiah would come, bringing peace and love to the world.

***LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE SONG**

(we will sing this together)

**1.)Light the Advent candle one, Now the waiting has begun, We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas day.**

**CHORUS: Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle
burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity...who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

**Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I
mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that
which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would
forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy,* give me daily bread, not only for my body, but as food
for my spirit. *Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a
minister in Your service.**

God, our heavenly Creator...Praise God for the gift of love to us. **AMEN.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257 vs.1-3

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 64:1-9* PB 606

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² ^[a]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ^[b] ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered ^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM: *Psalm 80:1-19* PB 470-471 (read responsively)

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ² **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!** ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴ **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?** ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶ **You make us the scorn ^[a] of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.** ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁸ **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.** ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;** ¹¹ it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. ¹² **Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?** ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. ¹⁴ **Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine,** ¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted. ^[b] ¹⁶ **It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.** ¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. ¹⁸ **Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.** ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9* PB 926

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord^[a] and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my^[b] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of^[c] Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Love Divine, All Loves...” ELW 631 vs.1

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Mark 13:24-37* PB 826

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels and gather the^[e] elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he^[f] is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert,^[g] for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW 244 vs.1,2,4

***OFFERING**

“In the Bleak Midwinter” ELW 294 vs.3

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***APOSTLE'S CREED** pg. 104

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 into Hell. 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**

SING: Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord; true faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

MEAL

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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/DISTRIBUTION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in his grace. AMEN.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

***"Joy to the World"* ELW 267 vs.1,3,4**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to prepare for the Messiah! We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“Excited by faith, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Suzy Snowflake

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer: Teresa Welder

Communion: M. & S. Johnson

Fellowship: J. Knudsons & Mutches

Serving Next Sunday (12/10/23)

Ushers: ??—sign up on the clipboard

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer: ??—sign up on the clipboard

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: W. Knudsons & R. Stovers

CALENDAR

Today, 12/3/2023—1st Sunday of Advent

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 12/6/2023

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

7:00pm—WELCA Christmas Program—bring your Christmas Bells with you!

Next Sunday, 12/10/2023—2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Nov. – Dec.:** FOOD PANTRY
 - **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
 - **November 26th – December 17th:** Remember to bring food items to put in the grocery cart in the Narthex for the Food Pantry.
 - **Sunday, December 17th:** Sunday School Christmas Program; Potluck to follow—no need to bring desserts as the Youth Group is doing a Bake Sale Fundraiser.
 - **Flowers in the sanctuary:** 1) in Memory of Dave Weber & Donald Enger—given by Teresa Welder & Tina & Tracy; 2) in Honor of Robert & Camilla Stover's 40th Wedding Anniversary—given by Roberta Stover
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PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Joel Knudson Family of Brent Nesdaahl Ron Petsinger Red Willow
Bible Camp Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to
know Christ as their Savior and Lord Jerry Madson (Sherry Voight's dad)
Viola Lee Gloria Temple Lois Jemtrud
Mark Sletten Betty Olson Pr. Rena Peterson Donna Willoughby
(daughter of Gordon Peterson) Robbie Leake
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne
Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch
Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman