

Therefore you
also must be
ready, for the
Son of Man is
coming at an
hour you do
not expect.
Matthew 24:44



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First Sunday of Advent
Nov. 27, 2022



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 4

Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 11

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	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Melissa Cuff	Judi Reeder
Crucifer		
Acolyte		
Lector	Lee Mills	Judi Reeder
Ushers	Bill & Rose Bennett	Fred & Crystal Lepley
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	June Kreider	Barb Wisler
Sound Tech.	Terry Miller	Chaz Stroup
Offering Counters	Fred Lepley/Beth Birchall	Lee Mills/John Null
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**Nov. 20, 2022
ATTENDANCE - 78**

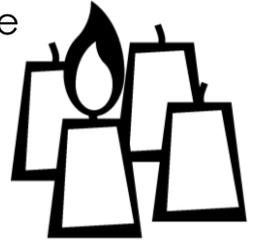
“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first candle which we light today is called the Prophets' Candle. In Hebrews 1, the author writes, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets." (Hebrews 1:1)



Likewise, Peter says in his second letter: "We have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:19)

The prophets spoke messages of repentance and destruction, of hope and future glory. Most importantly of all, the prophets foretold of the coming *Messiah* or *Christ* of God. Both of these titles mean "The Chosen One."

The Chosen One of God was to come from the family of Jesse, and would be king in the lineage of Jess's son, David. The prophets' message calls us to return and be renewed in our relationship with God through our worship life, putting him first in all things.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Advent Prayer*

Anthony Giamanco

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

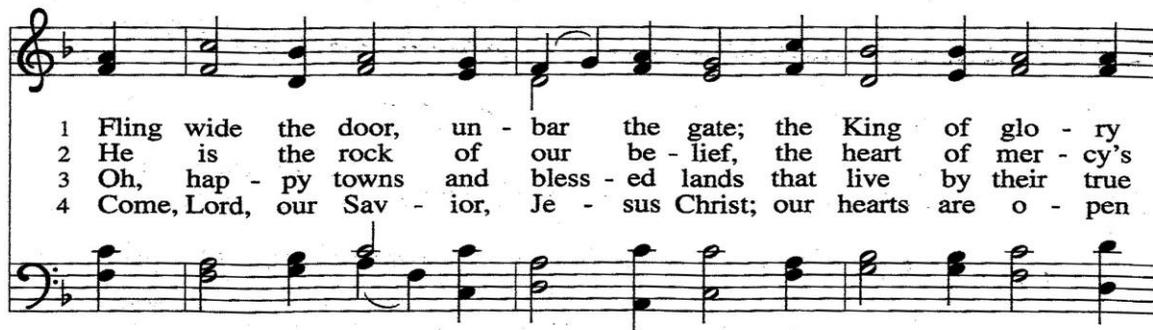
C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen

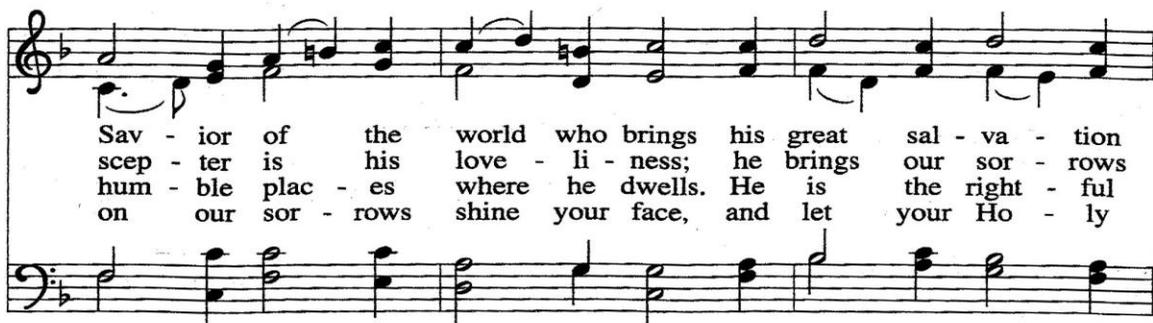
Fling Wide the Door



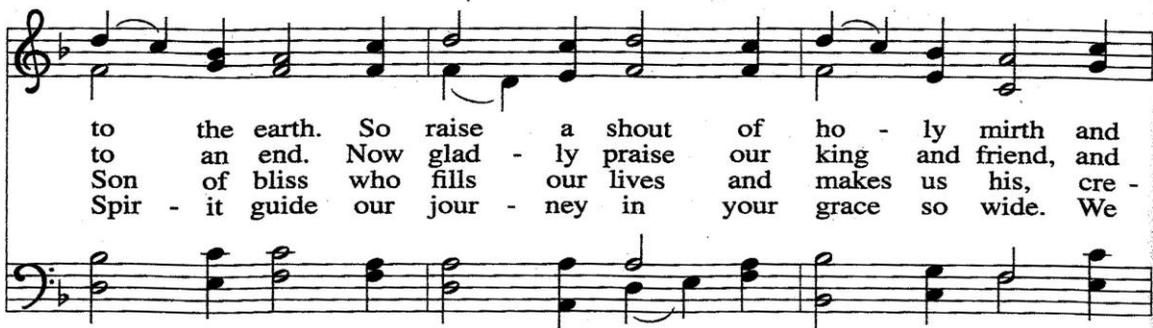
1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weisdel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: J. A. Freydinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Let us pray . . .

As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath, the Prophets' Candle, we give thanks to you, O God. In obedience to your will, the prophets of old have shown us our need for a Savior. They direct us with hopeful expectation to the manger and the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore. 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.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- ² **Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**
"May they be secure who love you!

⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"

⁸**For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 13th chapter of Romans

Second Reading: Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14

[⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But 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.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶{Jesus said,} "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, 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 when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master 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 hour you do not expect."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.**

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

**P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -

joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has blest us on our

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✚ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✚ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

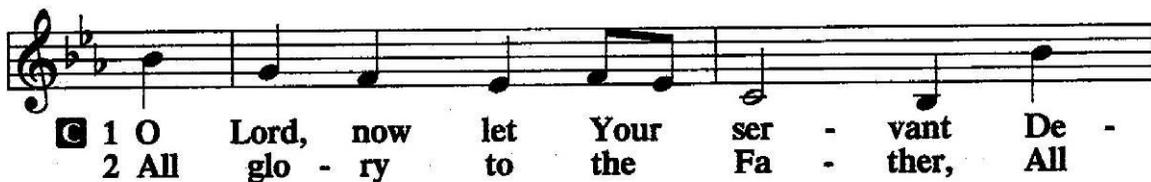
The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. **C: Amen**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

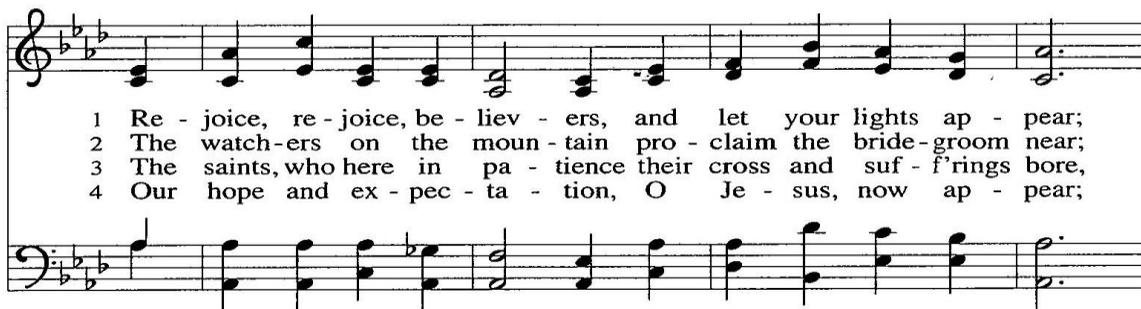
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

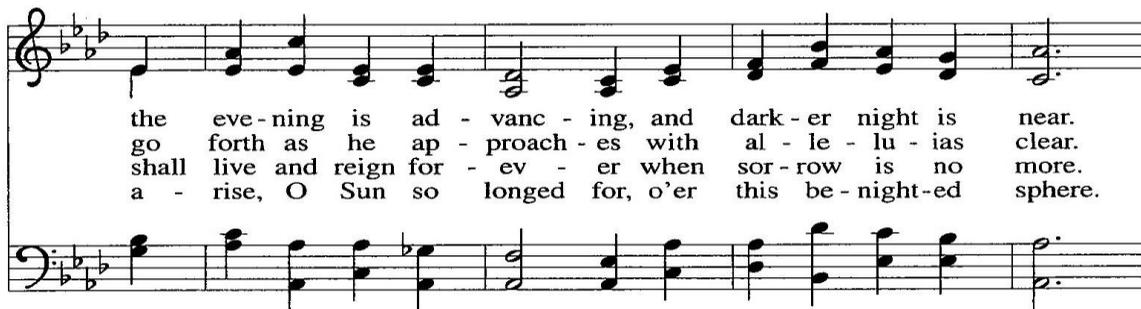
C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

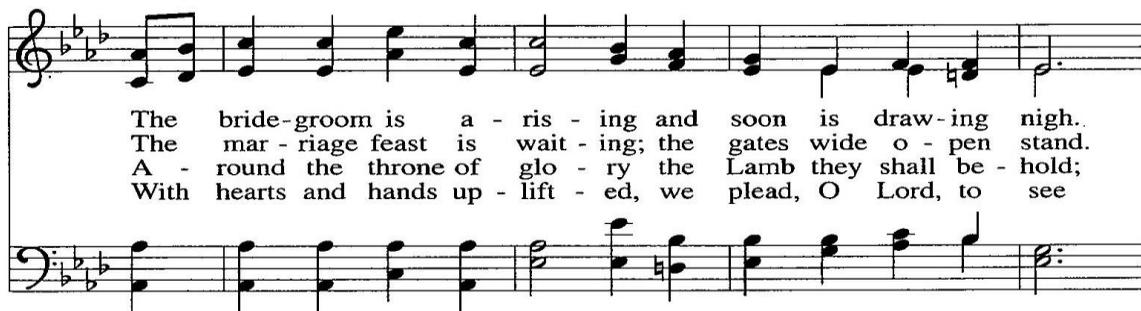
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



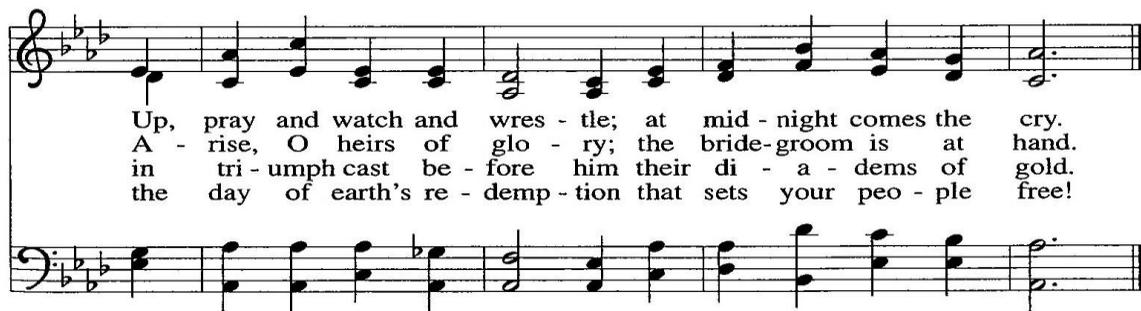
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: Swedish folk tune

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (conti.)

Become a Prayer Chain participant: Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills (jmills.email@comcast.net) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin: Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email rose.a.keller@gmail.com OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

COFFEE TIME

Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for the older youth class will meet after the worship service.

Facebook and Instagram Users

Help advertise our church and its activities by “liking” or following us in Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook page is [Reformation Lutheran Church NALC – Lancaster PA](#), and our Instagram page is [reformation.lutheran.church](#).



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

December Lunch Bunch will be on December 13 at 10:00 am in fellowship hall. We will have lunch at Longhorn Steak House at 11:30 am. Signup at the back of the church or call Judi Reeder 717 341 7821.



HASHING OUT THE SERMON

Adults are invited to an informal discussion with Pastor Mark of the sermon and the Scripture readings for today's worship upstairs in the Prayer room from 10:45-11:30 am.



NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Offering exceeded expenses for the month of October.
2. Council approved the proposed 2023 Budget.
3. There will be a draft letter sent to the head of the Southern Baptist Church expressing our interest in the Silver Spring Baptist building.
4. New livestreaming camera is now in use, and working very well.
5. We are looking for volunteers, including a chairperson, to be part of the All Hazard/Emergency Management committee.

Please Plan ahead for the King Cake Event on January 7th.

This announcement seems early, but our King Cake* event comes up so quickly after Christmas that we would like you to plan ahead to come to this family event on January 7, 2023, from 11:00 to 1:30. Every family will make their own King Cake. Besides making the cake, we will have lunch and some other activities. We do need to know ahead of time because the yeast dough is made ahead of time. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.



*King Cakes originated in Europe as a celebratory food of the Feast of Epiphany or Twelfth Night Celebration which is January 6th (12 nights after Christmas).

Save The Date Fellowship Events

Fellowship is planning the following events – Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 4th: Advent Pancake Breakfast – All the pancakes, plus other breakfast goodies, you can eat during coffee time. Come hungry!!

Sunday, December 18th: Cookies & Carols – Bring some cookies to share with the congregation and your singing voice. Ivan Wittel and Rose Keller will lead us in singing Christmas carols during coffee time.

Saturday, January 14th: Winter Dinner – Chase away the winter blahs by sharing a hot evening meal with your church family. Details about the event (time and menu) will be in the bulletin closer to the event date.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS



Worship and Music committee is once again offering our Christmas Poinsettia / building fund sponsorship for Christmas this year. We are offering red and white poinsettia's this year. Please see insert form and specify color of poinsettia's you wish to order and return to Rosemary Keller or June Kreider. It will be your responsibility to take any plants you order after the Christmas Eve service. **DO NOT PLACE ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE OFFERING PLATE. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS.** Thank you for supporting our building fund fundraiser.

UPCOMING SOCIAL MINISTRY EVENTS

There are two upcoming Church Events, supported by our congregation, with monetary contributions. They are our Christmas Stockings filled with goodies for our Homebound members and the Faith Friendship Villa Party, held there on Saturday Afternoon from 1 to 3 on 12/24.



If you are able to help at the Faith Friendship Villa Party there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

We will be assembling the Homebound and Faith Friendship Villa Gift Bags after Church downstairs, if you are able to help, Sunday 12/18.

If you are able to deliver a Christmas Stocking to a Homebound member

please pick up on 12/18.

Please place donations in wrapped box on table at rear of Church, or put in offering plate marked Christmas Gifts.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank all for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING



We are beginning to plan for Christmas decorating. If anyone is interested in helping us decorate on Dec. 18th after the cookies and carols event please see June Kreider.

REFORMATION DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

Beth Birchall	December 10
Chase Mathias	December 12
Gary Proctor	December 12
Dorothy Mathias	December 20
Ivan Wittel	December 24



December Anniversaries

Jack and Debbie McCarthy	December 22
Ivan and Kim Wittel	December 27

December Baptisms

Jonathan Thomas Bacon December 7



MINISTRY CONTACTS

Altar guild	June Kreider	717-285-3241
Announcements	Rose Keller	717-333-1448
Assistant ministers	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Coffee Time	Joan Hollinger	717-684-8584
Funeral Luncheons	Rose Bennett	717-468-8106
Lectors	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Luther Lager League	Pastor Mark	717-947-4284
Prayer Requests	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Purl's Shawl Ministry	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Sound	Chaz Stroup	717-684-2760
Ushers	Rose Keller	717-333-1448

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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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