



Faith Lutheran Church

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the
holy mountain, the deliverer who sets
us free.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before the living God in confession (*A brief silence.*)
As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation:

**C: we open our hearts to you, O God.
Search us and know us. Reveal all
that we keep inside.**

**To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown. Forgive us,
renew us, and lead us in your ways of
justice and peace. Make us reflections
of the radiant love of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

**Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.**

**Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.**

**Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.**

**To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

**In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.**

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.

THE BLAKEMAN FAMILY: CURTIS, NICOLE, AARON & NATE

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering.

Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

C: Amen.



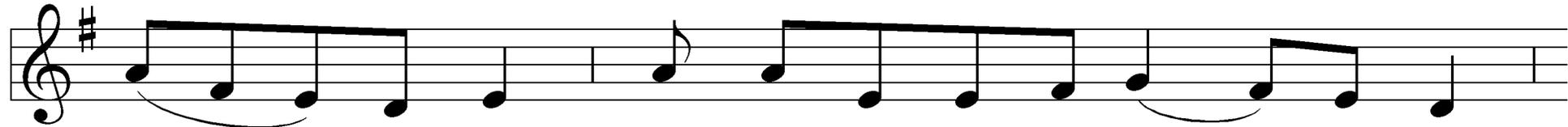
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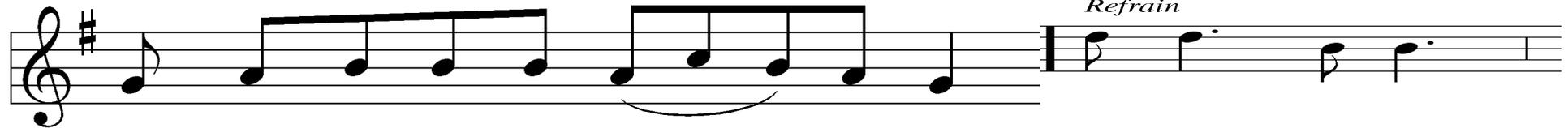
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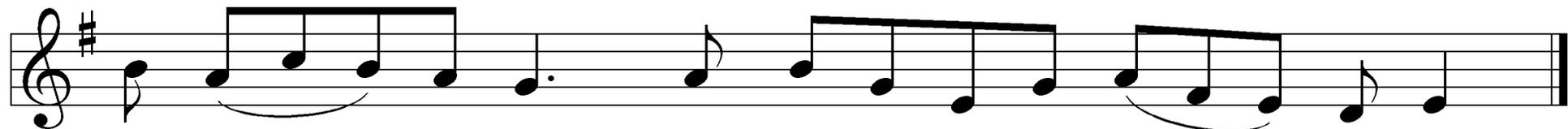
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un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!



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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) Stir up,
your power, Lord Christ, and come

C: **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.**

Children's Church



FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, the 2nd chapter.

The word that Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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.

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 instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He 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. O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD!

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 122

R: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

C: **Now our feet are standing within your
gates, O Jerusalem.**

R: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at
unity with itself;

**C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes
of the LORD, the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name of the LORD.**

R: For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.”**

R: Peace be within your walls and
quietness within your towers.

**C: For the sake of my kindred and
my companions, I pray for
your prosperity.**

R: “Because of the house of the LORD our
God, I will seek to do you good.”

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans, the 13th chapter.

Besides 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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:27-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark,
the 13th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 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.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Waiting”

Pastor Larry Froemming

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

**Hark, the glad sound!
The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**

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

P: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)*

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. (*We pray especially for . . .*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love (*especially*). Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord.
Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in
each day and hour we may love and
serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

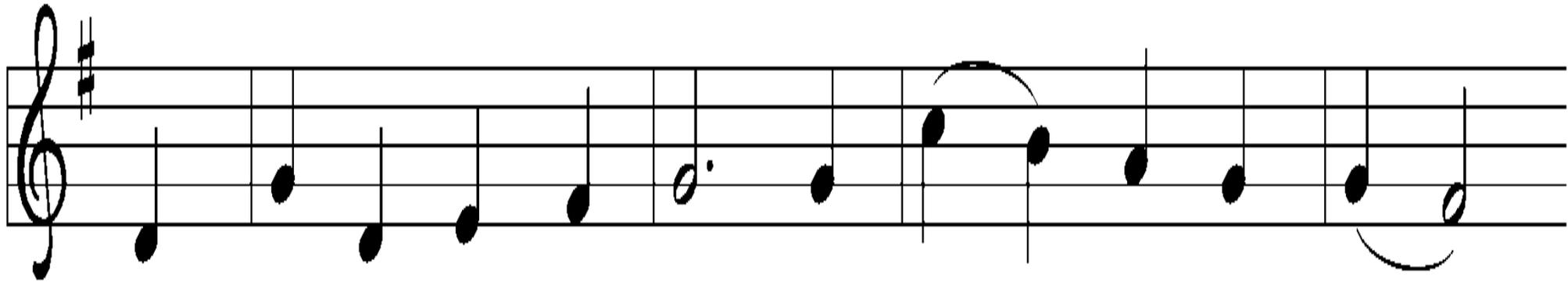
OFFERING

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

“Make Room”

by Casting Crowns

Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C: It is right to give God thanks
and praise.**

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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“Joy to the World”*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Amen.

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