

# Welcome

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



Union Lutheran Church

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Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally Grounded - Congregationally Focused*

ORDER OF SERVICE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Arr. Hopson

Advent Wreath Lighting Service The Dustin Morgan Family

Advent Litany

L. Praise be to your God!

**C. For He has done marvelous things.**

L. He promised to send His Son, Jesus.

**C. We wait and anticipate His coming anew!**

(An Explanation of the Sunday and Scripture reading.)

Hymn *Light One Candle (Verse 1)* WOVS 630

Confession and Absolution

(Silence for personal confession.)

P Let us confess our sins to our majestic Lord and ask his forgiveness.

**C Almighty God, you rule in majesty over all that you have created. You rule over us in love, yet in rebellion we turn away from your Word and will and follow our own desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us. We sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

P God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For the sake of Jesus, God's only Son, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hymn *The Advent of Our God* LBW 22

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 PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tom Corbell

### FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

14“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-10 (Read in unison)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,\*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,\*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

- 8 He guides the humble in doing right\*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your name's sake, O Lord,\*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, 10as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? 11Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 21:25-36

{Jesus said,} "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud

with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Pastor Tom Corbell

*Please stand*

HYMN

Give Me Jesus

WOV 777

#### THE NICENE CREED

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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

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

After each portion of the prayers: A Lord, in your mercy. C hear our prayer.

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Please be seated*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came - Arr. Raabe

*Please stand*

OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the". The lyrics are printed below the notes.

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
 C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

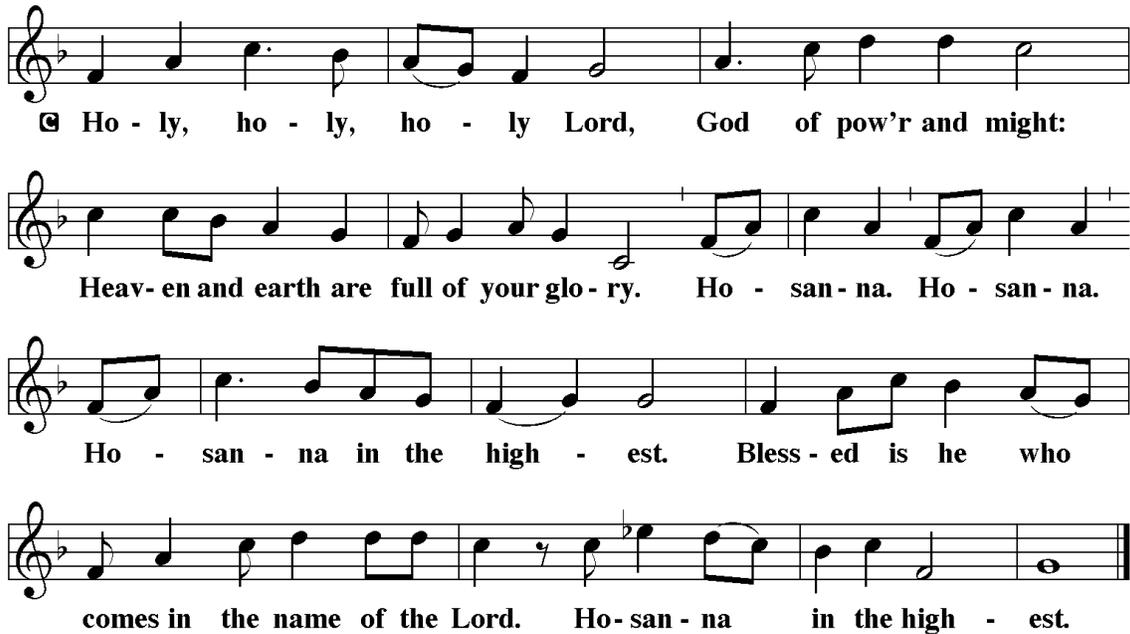
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And also with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

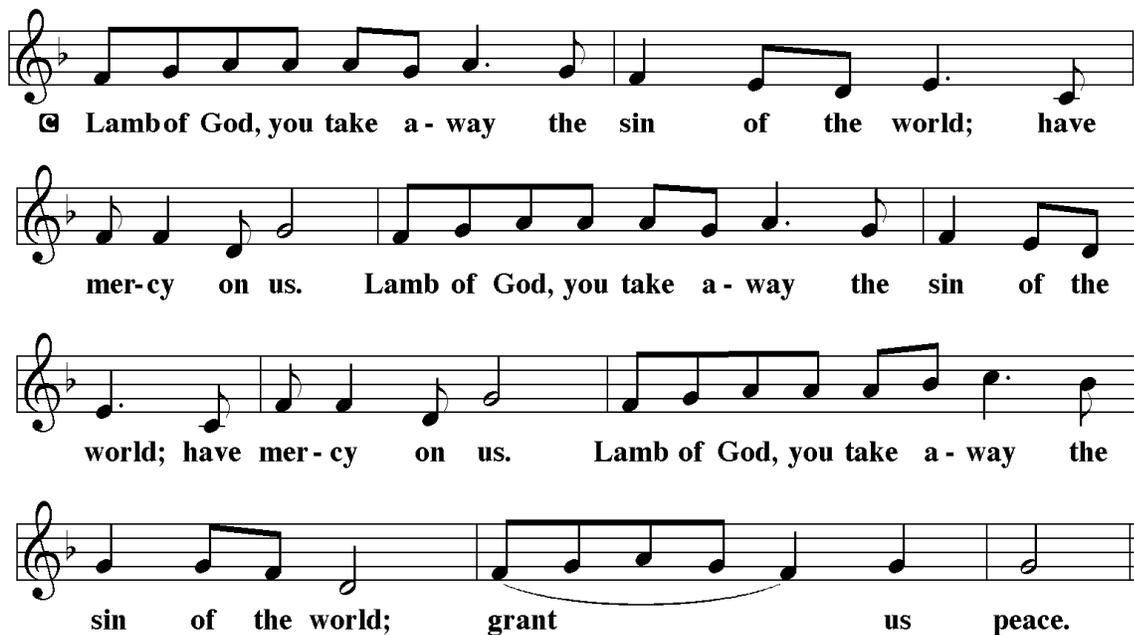
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### DISTRIBUTION

*All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.*

### AGNUS DEI



**☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
You Are the Way

LBW 198  
LBW 464

*Please stand*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Pour our upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

HYMN

God Whose Almighty Word

LBW 400

## SENDING

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## POSTLUDE

## Lessons for Next Week

Malachi 3:1-7b; Psalm 66:1-12; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14 [15-20]

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and the beauty of worship.

**NOTICE—** There will be a congregational meeting on December 9, 2018 to vote on borrowing \$150,000.00 from Endowment to proceed with Narthex Expansion Project.

### **ASSISTANTS SERVING THIS SUNDAY, December 2, 2018—1st Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes: Justin and Tyler Goodman

Advent Wreath Lighting: The Dustin Morgan Family

Lay Reader: Steve Walton

Communion Assistants: Doris Page and Tara Davis

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Jimmy Parker, Mike Cauble, Bill Earnhardt, and Jeremy Misenheimer

**Loose Offering:** Social Ministry

### **ASSISTANTS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 9, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes: Justin and Tyler Goodman

Advent Wreath Lighting: The Luther John Lyerly Family

Lay Reader: Steve Walton

Communion Assistants: Doris Page and Tara Davis

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Jimmy Parker, Mike Cauble, Bill Earnhardt, and Jeremy Misenheimer

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday December 2, 2018	10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion
Monday December 3, 2018	6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee
Wed. December 5, 2018	7:00 pm Scouts
Fri. December 7, 2018	5:30 pm Game Night (Old Pine Center)
Sat. December 8, 2018	9:30 am Children's Christmas Pageant Practice
Next Sunday Dec. 9, 2018	9:15 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion Congregational Meeting

## 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We are in the process of lining up various worship assistants for next year. There are several ways that you can assist. Please sign up for the areas you can help:

Our family will be responsible for the following:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Reader  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Assistant            | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte/Crucifer/Banner bearer |                                      |

We would like families to sign up for at least one month during the year. If you can do more than one month, let us know. Please check the area you can serve and place this sheet in the offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not sign up, a member of the Worship & Music Committee may contact you in person. Thank you for your service.

Worship & Music Committee

**Church wide caroling with soup and sandwiches will be held on January 5th. We will meet at the church at 4:30 pm to go caroling and return for fellowship and food.**

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

**It is that time of the year again! We have pre-ordered 30 poinsettias for Christmas. Please complete and return the form below to Ruth Goodman by Sunday, December 16, 2018. Cost will be \$10.00 each. (One form per poinsettia - additional forms in the Narthex.)**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat and Wayne Miller, (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm & Ruth Monroe (The Meadows of Rockwell), and Ed & Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B).

**Homebound Members** - Ray Chambers, Bill and Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Ernest Sides, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, Betty Goodwin, Frances Norris, Horace Cross, and Jean Kluttz.

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery—** Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Kay Morgan, Steve Hutchens, Larry Shepherd, Jane Shuping, Harold Miller, Susan & John Knight, Jean Ray, Grace Morgan, Pat Kluttz, Effie Vellines, Joan Troutman, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, and Bill Broadway.

**Continual Prayer** - Jane Stoner, (Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Carol Cauble, (sister of Judy Walton), Marvin Nunn, Vanna Calloway, friend of Kat Clifton, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Austin Mowry, (friend of Karen Barringer), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat & J. C. Miller, Marvin Feezor, Derek Maner (friend of the Misenheimers), Ruth McSwaim, Mary Knapp, Suzanne Greene, Benny Myers (friends of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Marc & Donna Collins (friends of Sharon Leazer), Chris & Rachel Williams (friends of Clifford & Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan) and

**With Deepest Sympathy—** The family and friends of James Sigmon



## THE GREAT RAKE

DECEMBER 8, 2018

1:00 TO 4:00PM

Please join us as we serve folks in the congregation who need assistance in raking their leaves.

Bring rakes and helpful implements, a willing heart, and a SMILE!

SEE YOU SATURDAY!!!

**Bell practice will be Wednesday night at 6:30pm**

**Choir practice will be Wednesday night at 7:30pm**