

# Union Lutheran Church

Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded,  
and Congregationally Focused

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal  
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying* (Krug)

Belles & Beaus

### GATHERING

\* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

P The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)

**C Amen.**

P The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P God of grace,

**C we confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the name of Jesus, God's only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ's holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

**C Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* HYMN: *Fling Wide the Door*

LBW# 32

\* Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C And also with you.

\* Kyrie (*spoken not sung*)

LBW p. 78-79

(*Hymn of Praise is omitted during the season of Advent.*)

\* Salutation

\* Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

## WORD

Children's Message and Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
(*1<sup>st</sup> Candle Waiting/Prophet*)

Kids Choir

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
<sup>2</sup>It 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, <sup>3</sup>and 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. <sup>4</sup>He 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. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122 *sung responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

C <sup>2</sup>**Now our | feet are standing\***  
**within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

L <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built | as a city\*  
that is at unity | with itself;

C <sup>4</sup>**To which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,\***  
**the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**

L <sup>5</sup>For there are the | thrones of judgment,\*  
the thrones of the | house of David.

C <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:\***  
**"May they pros- | per who love you.**

L <sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls\*  
and quietness with- | in your towers.

C <sup>8</sup>**For my brethren and com- | panions' sake,\***  
**I pray for | your prosperity.**

L <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the | LORD our God,\*  
I will seek to | do you good.”

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For 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.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

\* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 83

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup>{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For 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, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Sermon: *Be Ready*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* Hymn: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

LBW# 31

\* Nicene Creed

LBW p. 84

\* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 85-86

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Youth Retreat/Missions Fund. During the month of November, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Spiritual Orphans Network (SON). Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *A New King is Comin'* (Redby)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

\* Offertory (“*Let the Vineyards...*”)

LBW p. 86

\* Offertory Prayer

P Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight.

**C Amen.**

\* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus

LBW p. 88-89

\* Words of Institution

LBW p. 89

\* Lord’s Prayer

LBW p. 91

Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion

LBW p. 92

*At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out a communion card located in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

\* Post-Communion Canticle (“*Thank the Lord...*”)

LBW p. 92

\* Post-Communion Prayer

P God of new beginnings, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Strengthen us for the journey of faith as we wait and watch for the Lord’s Messiah to break into our world in ever amazing ways.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

\* Benediction

P As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go. (Luke 1:37)

**C Amen.**

\* HYMN: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

LBW# 25

\* Sending

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

**C Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

**C Amen, amen, amen**

Postlude: *Fling Wide the Door* (Lasky)



Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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## Union News

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### Sunday's Activities, November 27):

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (Preschool-5th grade) will be singing at 10:30 a.m.

**9:30 a.m.** Belles & Beaus

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

Children & Youth: Signs of the True God ~ Exodus 7

Adult Sunday School Class:

God Gives Tools for Our Protection ~ Ephesians 6:10-18

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

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### This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Nov. 29

5:45 p.m. Advent Dinner

(Chicken & Rice – sponsored by the Youth)

6:30 p.m. Advent Service and Confirmation

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth of Isaac

Wednesday, Nov. 30

10:30 a.m. Advent Service

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12 noon Advent Lunch

2:00 p.m. Chapel Time

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Dec. 1

12 noon Dutch Meeting Hall reserved

Friday, Dec. 2

Firemen's Banquet

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### Next Sunday's Activities (December 4):

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (Preschool-5th grade) will be singing at 10:30 a.m.

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Passover Promise ~ Exodus 12:1-32

Adult Sunday School Class: Zechariah Hears from God ~ Luke 1:8-20

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Scriptures for December 4: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13;

Matthew 3:1-12 – Theme: *Prepare the Way*

**10:30 a.m.** Installation of New Council Members (Ali Davis, Vicki Hunter, Sharon Leazer, Dusty Morgan, Sr., and Debbie Rinehart)

**10:30 a.m.** Noisy Offering will be collected to assist with cost of Children's Live Nativity gift and Shut-ins Caroling Basket

**12:30 p.m.** Union Women's Christmas Party (Old Pine Center)

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Union and Salem Middle/High School Youth at Union

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*We need your HELP by providing cookies for the  
**Live Nativity (Dec. 17 & 18) and Caroling to our Shut-ins (Dec. 18)!***

## **Current Fund Financial Information**

Offering received Sunday, November 20	\$4,946.00
Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan	\$5,556.00

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), and Jean Ray (Brookdale)

**Homebound Members** – Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** - Kathleen Agner, Evonne Batten, Bill Broadway, Mike Cauble, Ashley Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy and Joan Kerns, James Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Dwight Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Jesse Morgan, Sr., Kay Morgan, William Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Wyatt Thompson, Effie Vellines, Wayne and Pam Vellines

**Continual Prayer** - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Nancy Barringer (cousin of Larry Barringer), Shonna Black (daughter of Jack and Deena Lanning), Gary Brown (friend of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Janet Dunning (sister of Doris Shepherd), Pastor Brack East (NALC Pastor), June Fraley, Pastor Gross (NALC Pastor in Ukraine with Russian invasion), Drew Harrington (granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt), Amy Lowder Harrison and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Terry Holt (friend of Frank and Dawn Merrell), Emily Jones (sister of Jimmy Plyler), Teresa Kesler, Bobby Lippard (friend of Union), Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Patsy Lyerly and Family, Joe and Sylvia McDaniel, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Ralph Neilson (relative of Evonne Batten), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), Marvin Nunn, Sally Simmerson (friend of Lucinda Fraley), Ben Smith (brother in law of Cathy Painter), Hailey Swanson (granddaughter of Janie Lesley), James and Mary Trexler (sister of Brenda and Linda Cauble), Brinley Rose Upchurch, Kim Walton (friend of Lucinda Fraley), Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, and those affected by natural or political disasters.

**Confirmation Students:** Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

## ***PART FOUR: Holy Baptism ~ The Daily Purpose of Baptism***

*What is the significance of baptizing with water? It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil desires, should be drowned by daily repentance and sorrow for sin, and be put to death, and that the new person should come forth every day and rise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

