



First Sunday of Advent

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Forest City, Iowa
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Ben & Nicki Arentson & family

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

L: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us gain of your saving grace. Amen.

L: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 *A righteous branch springing up from David*

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 [read responsively]

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,**

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to
your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Alleluia"**

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GOSPEL: ADVENT WAITING: A focus on Mary's Song (the Magnificat)

What song will you sing in your time of waiting? Luke 1:39-55

*WEEK 1: HOPE (Luke 1:39-42)

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Ann Hunhoff

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"O Lord How Shall I Meet You"**

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APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS: *L: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.***

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Bryon Kvale

Isaac Schneider

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Mark Sutton

family of Tom Bartleson

Carolyn Newcom

Missionary Karen Anderson

Donna Gilbertson

Ashley Rayhons

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Lois Holst

Tim Schmidt

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.***

OFFERING: *As Christ supports and strengthens us, so let us strengthen Christ's mission
through the Church as we give our offering*

OFFERTORY: **"We Are An Offering"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: **“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”**

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Olivia Banta

Scripture Reader: Mary Kingland

Piano: Linda Ferjak

Song Leaders: Dave Melby, Kathy Jerome, Steve Olmstead

Audio/Video: Andy Buffington/Carson Strukel

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Ushers: Brandon & Jacob Beenken, Tina Berg, Jim Lund

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Coffee Fellowship: HS & MS Youth Groups