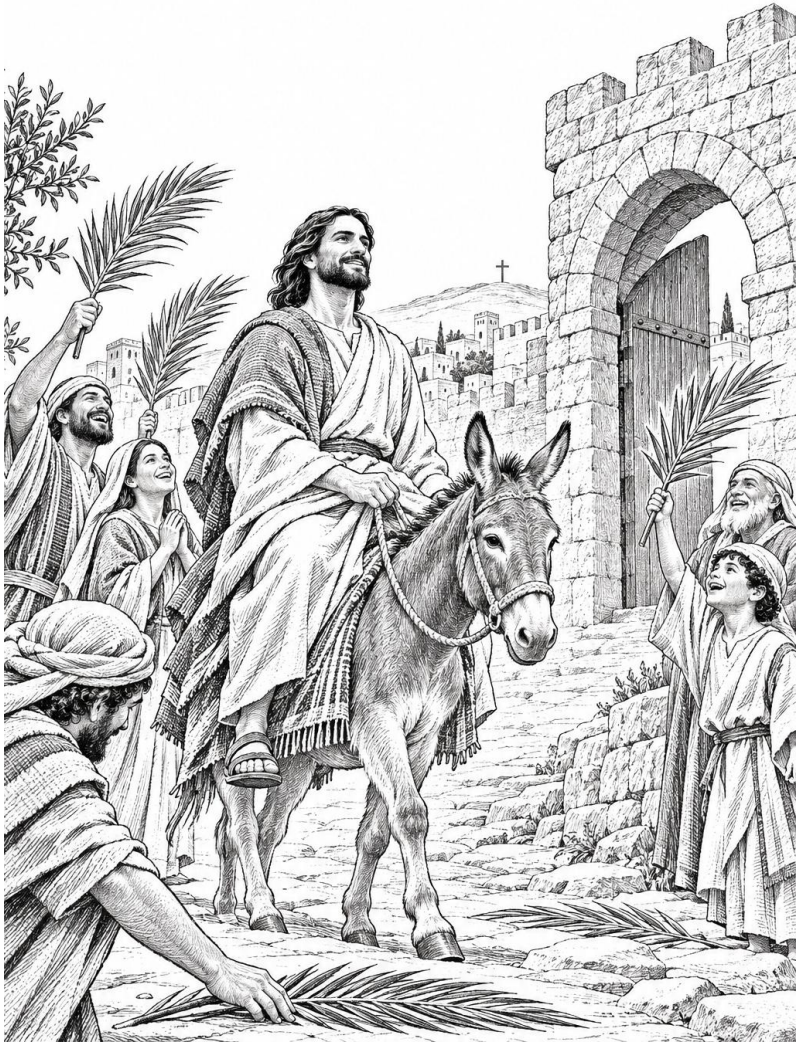
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kinship Sponsors Needed - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)
- CALL NEWS Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

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A Church of the Lutheran Confession
November 29, 2026
1st Sunday in Advent

THE COMMON SERVICE

This liturgy is adapted from the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church (1917-1918) and Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book (1912), which are in the public domain. Bold faced congregational responses may be spoken or sung as desired.

OPENING HYMN 59, V: 1-3, 5-6

Leader▼: *(The congregation rises.)* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

L ▼: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L ▲: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore 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, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

L: Please be seated.

(An offering may be collected at this time, or the congregation may be informed that the offering plate is located at the back of the church.)

HYMN 61

GENERAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come; Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(If Communion is celebrated, refer to the order of Holy Communion.)

FINAL HYMN 58 V: 3, 9

THE BENEDICTION

L ▼: *(The congregation rises.)* The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

L: Here ends the Second Scripture Reading.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 58, V: 1, 2, 4, 7

THE SERMON

Sermon Text: Zephaniah 3:14-17 NKJ

"Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.""

Sermon Theme: What is Peace?

L: *(The congregation rises.)* And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, amen.

L ▼: 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 in His name He gives power to become the children of God and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, O Lord, to us all.

C: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up,

C: you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

L: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up,

C: you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

L: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts,

C: He is the King of glory. Selah (Psalm 24)

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

The Lutheran Hymnal hymn 244 Verses 1 & 2

C: 1. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory,
While eternal ages run!

2. Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory,
To the Lamb that once was slain!

THE COLLECT

L ▼: Let us pray.

L ▲:

O Lord God, You sent Your Son to bear Your wrath for our sins and bring us peace with You. Quiet our hearts with Your love, and grant us the sure comfort of sins forgiven, that we may rejoice at His coming and await His return without fear. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

L: *(The congregation may be seated.)* The First Scripture Reading for 1st Sunday in Advent is written in the 5th chapter of Romans, beginning at verse 1.

[1] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; [4] and perseverance, character; and character, hope. [5] Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

[6] For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. [10] For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. [11] And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

L: Here ends the First Scripture Reading.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

L: The Second Scripture Reading is written in the 21st chapter of Matthew, beginning at verse 1.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

[1] Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2] saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. [3] And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

[4] All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

[5] “Tell the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your King is coming to you,

Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

[6] So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. [7] They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. [8] And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Hosanna in the highest!”