

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
English Lutheran Church of Bateman

Introduction

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath: First Week

Jared & Laura Johnson Family

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of the wreath is clearly an image of ever-lasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

Litany

- L** At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,
- C** **Wake us up to your coming.**
- L** We gather together to expect the unexpected
and imagine the unimaginable.
O Emmanuel,
- C** **Wake us up to your coming.**
- L** We wait for the day
when God will recycle tanks into tractors
and transform minefields into soccer fields.
O Emmanuel,
- C** **Wake us up to your coming.**
- L** We stay awake by telling stories
that offer a glimmer of a future
and agitate dormant hope within us.
O Emmanuel,
- C** **Wake us up to your coming.**
- L** Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of this candle,
whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope.
- C** **Amen.**



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



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 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

Kid's Minute

Linda Stockinger

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
 Let us confront our sins,
 and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P God of new beginnings,
C we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P People of God,
 a new thing is growing in our midst,
 a tender branch,
 a living sign.
 By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
 You have put on + Christ,
 and your sins have been washed away.
 Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **C Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: My Lord, What a Morning

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My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Holy Baptism (See additional bulletin)

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

³Many 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.

⁴He 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.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the ³⁷Father. ³⁸For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁹For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ⁴⁰and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴¹Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴³Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴⁴But understand this: if the owner 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. ⁴⁵Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rick Biedermann

Hymn of the Month: *How Great Thou Art* (video from Worshiplyricsvideos.com)

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| <p>1 O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed</p> <p><i>Chorus</i>
<i>Then sings my soul</i>
<i>My Savior God to Thee</i>
<i>How great Thou art</i>
<i>How great Thou art</i>
<i>Then sings my soul</i>
<i>My Savior God to Thee</i>
<i>How great Thou art</i>
<i>How great Thou art</i></p> <p>2 When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze (chorus)</p> | <p>3 And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin (chorus)</p> <p>4 When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And lead me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art (chorus)</p> |
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Prayers of Intercession

- A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope, responding to each petition with "hear our prayer".
(A brief silence.)
- A God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- A God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- A God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- A God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially...READ NAMES*). God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**

Prayers: Eric S.; Bob G.; Barb N.; Bob A.; and Sue G.; Brian; Rae B.; as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

- A God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy...
C hear our prayer.
- A God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **C Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, however you are comfortable, and may say: "Peace be with you.")

Offering

(An offering box is available for your offering as you leave the church if you do not feel comfortable passing the plate. For those at home, you can mail or use online giving for your offering. Link is at the end of the bulletin.)



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you,

O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

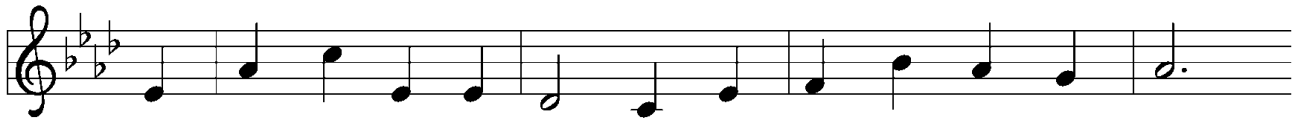
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P God the eternal Word,
 who dwells with us in Jesus,
 and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
 ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



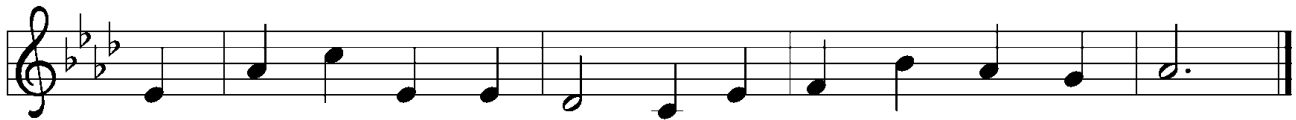
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring's bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is near.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Worship Servers:

Reader/Asst: Carol Boettcher
Comm Asst: N/A
Greeters: Karen Rokser & Diane Long
Ushers: Cedric & Carol Boettcher
Counters: Darin Fellom & Bob Leidholdt
Fellowship: Karen Rokser & Marge Bunce
Advent: Jared & Laura Johnson Family

Next Week's Worship Servers:

Reader/Asst: Carol Peterson
Comm. Asst: Carol Dittmar
Greeters: Chris & Julie Stein
Ushers: Diane Long & Sue Hunt
Counters: Steve Thon & Mike Arneson
Fellowship: Ann Arneson & Sheri Wahlin
Advent: Sue Hunt & Diane Long

Announcements

- **PRAYGROUND** – Our PrayGround is available in the back of the Sanctuary with a table, couch and rocker for small children and a parent at any time during the service. Coloring books and other quiet activities are available.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** – Please see one of the Ushers if you need hearing assistance.
- **WELCOME PADS** – EMT decided to provide the Welcome Pads so we know who is sitting in the pew beside us, to identify visitors and it is helpful to know if someone has not attended in a while. Please fill out and pass down the pew. Thank you!
- **85 AND OVER LUNCH** – All members ages 85 and over are invited to a soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall on December 1st at 11am. If you need a ride, please contact Jack Rokser at 715-577-2292.
- **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND READINGS** – We are looking for families or groups to volunteer to light the Advent Candles and read during Sunday worship throughout Advent. There is a sign-up sheet next to the bulletins.
- **MISSION OUTREACH: DECEMBER** – We have designated the second Sunday of the month as Mission Outreach Sunday. In December, we will be supporting the children in the **Chippewa County Foster Care Program**. We will collect a special offering on December 11th during worship. There are designated offering envelopes available next to the bulletins. You can also mail a check to the church or donate online through our website. Just go to Mission Outreach and click donate.
- **DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS** – On December 11th, after worship, please stay and help decorate the Church for Christmas.
- **READERS FOR LESSONS & CAROLS** – We are looking for readers for the Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Day. There is a sign-up sheet next to the bulletins.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** – Please join us on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Service starting at 7pm.
- **MIDWEEK ADVENT DEVOTION** – Starting this Wednesday, November 30th, Pastor Rick will have Advent Devotions ONLINE ONLY. They will be available weekly on Wednesdays at 3pm through Advent.
- **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS** – Reminder that the Christmas presents, and tags need to be turned in at the Church by November 30th. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- **TODAY'S BAPTISM** – Today during worship, Oakley Erwin Johnson will be received into God's family through Holy Baptism. Oakley is the son of Jared & Laura Johnson.
- **PANCAKE FEED** – The men of English are hosting their Annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, December 4th from 8-10am.