



First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

God Calls Us Into Worship

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Haan

***Call to Worship:**

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

***Opening Hymn:** “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

LUYH 63

*** Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Opening Song:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LUYH 61 vs. 1,4,5,7

***God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry: “Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth”

Praetorius/arr. Haan

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11–14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Turn to us again, O God our savior, and let your anger cease from us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36–44

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song of Assurance: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LUYH 70 vs. 1,2,5

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: The War to End All Wars

Pastor Tim Blackmon

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

LUYH 69, vs. 1, 3, 4

***We Confess our faith together**

We say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come! Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

We Come to God in Prayer

The Prayers

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for ...

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for ...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter.

We pray for ...

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you forever.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Celebrate the Feast of the Redemption of the World

The Prayer of Consecration

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **grant us your peace.**

The Celebration

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion Prayer

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgment and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Offering: Missionary Christmas Gifts

Offertory: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

arr. Wood

God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

***Sending Song:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LUYH 56 vs 1,4

***Benediction**

Postlude: “O Blessed Emmanuel”

arr. Bach/arr.Thompson

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
 - Cathy Schaaf, Organist
 - Chris Hordyk, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists
 - Henk Ottens, Soloist
 - Jean Schuitman, Accompanist
 - Meindertsma family, Advent wreath
 - Dan Meindertsma, Liturgist
- We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

Volunteer Schedule

November 27

Projection: Eric Wolffis, Dan Gone

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Dirk and Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig and Cathy Brolick, Gary Vanden Berg

Coffee Hosts: Ron and Patrice Frantz, Carl and Mary Erickson

Nursery: Dawn Rotman, Vivienne McCarthy

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Auerlia Koch

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Glenn Gronewelt, David Vander Wall

Offering: Missionary Christmas Gifts

December 4

Projection: Dan Gone

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), DeeAnn Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

Coffee Hosts: John and Agnes Fisher, Chuck and Carol DeWitt

Nursery: Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Little Lambs: Manette De Jonge, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out Worship: Sherri Van Duyn, Yasmin VanderHeide

Greeters: Mike Katje, Ralph and Sheri Van Duyn

Offering: Calvin University

Calendar

Sunday, November 27

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Adult Enrichment

11:30 am—Bells

Monday, November 28

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, November 29

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

7 pm—Friendship Club

7pm—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—CHAOS Jr High Youth Group

Thursday, December 1

12:15—Advent Guided Prayer

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

7:30-8:30 am—Men's Bible Study

10am—Christmas Sock Gnome Craft Social

4-6:30 pm—Soup Smorgasbord Supper, First Reformed Church

Sunday, December 4

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Bells