



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2022**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Two

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude: “Two Hymns of Thanksgiving”**      **NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT/KREMSER**  
**setting, Lynette Maynard**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings,  
the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.
- 2 He is the rock of our belief,  
the heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness;  
his scepter is his loveliness;  
he brings our sorrows to an end.  
Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
and worship him with song  
for saving us from wrong.
- 3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands  
that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules,  
the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss  
who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world,  
our only strength for good.
- 4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;  
our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,  
upon our sorrows shine your face,  
and let your Holy Spirit guide  
our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name,  
from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: J.A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version

Used by permission One License #A-718383

© 1978, Augsburg Fortress

© 2006, Augsburg Fortress

## **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.**

## **Lighting of Advent Wreath**

Melody: Puer Nobis

Public Domain

**A sign will come from heav'n to earth.  
We wait in patience for Christ's birth,  
The Word of God will take on flesh,  
And our lives will be new and fresh.**

*L: Isaiah the prophet foretold the arrival of the Son of God.*

**C: We wait upon the Lord.**

*L: The Word of God will be revealed to us,*

**C: We keep our eyes open for him.**

*L: The power of the Most High will rest in him.*

**C: We prepare our hearts to welcome our King.**

**We magnify the Lord of hope,  
Who in all sorrows helps us cope,  
That we in all things put our trust  
Upon our Savior, good and just.**

*L: With Mary we listen and learn as we ponder the news that Jesus is on the way.*

**C: Let us allow the will of the Lord to work in us as we wait for his Son.**

*L: Like the angel Gabriel, we have an exciting announcement to share.*

**C: Let us share the story of the coming Christ with all those around us.**

**In days of old, the people prayed.  
For One to come; for thus he stayed:  
To battle sin and death and grave  
To grant us grace, his people save.**

*L: Jesus enters into a world that was against him, but he comes to be for us.*

**C: Let us stand in confidence and faith for the sign of our Savior, born in  
stable and straw to rescue us all.**

**To all the earth the Lord is born.  
He mends divisions that are torn.  
He takes the mighty from their throne.  
That we might worship him alone.**

## **Kyrie**

**ELW p. 120**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**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 worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In 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. <sup>3</sup>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 instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He 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.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 122** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

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

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

<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.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

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

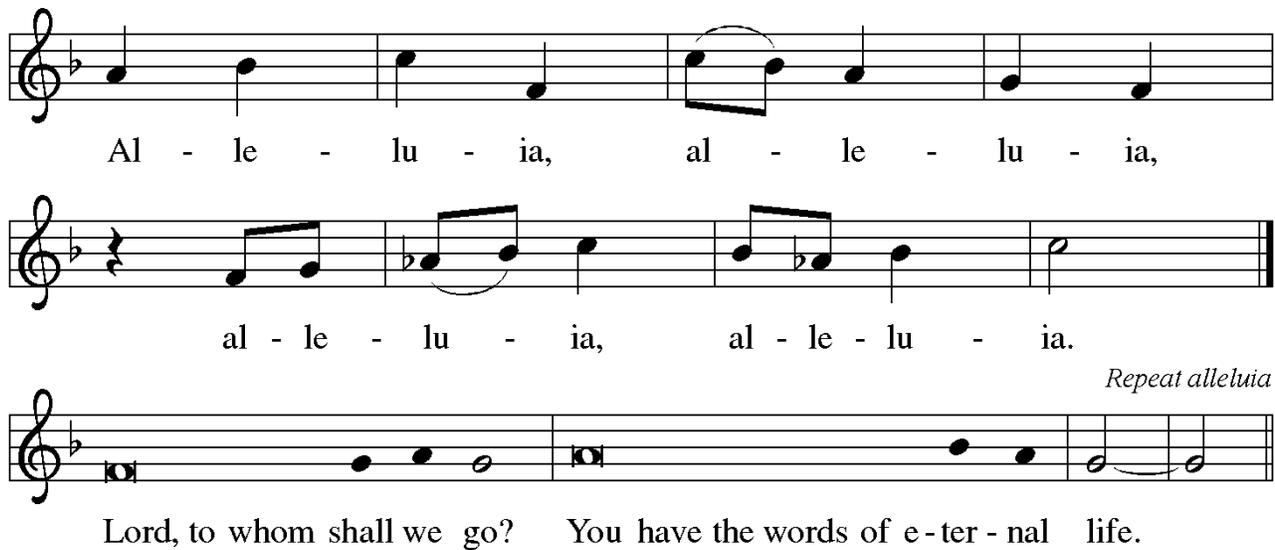
### **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

*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.*

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**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,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, 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 Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers***

ELW 244

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,<br/>and let your lights appear;<br/>the evening is advancing,<br/>and darker night is near.<br/>The bridegroom is arising<br/>and soon is drawing nigh.<br/>Up, pray and watch and wrestle;<br/>at midnight comes the cry.</p> <p>2 The watchers on the mountain<br/>proclaim the bridegroom near;<br/>go forth as he approaches<br/>with alleluias clear.<br/>The marriage feast is waiting;<br/>the gates wide open stand.<br/>Arise, O heirs of glory;<br/>the bridegroom is at hand.</p> | <p>3 The saints, who here in patience<br/>their cross and suffrings bore,<br/>shall live and reign forever<br/>when sorrow is no more.<br/>Around the throne of glory<br/>the Lamb they shall behold;<br/>in triumph cast before him<br/>their diadems of gold.</p> <p>4 Our hope and expectation,<br/>O Jesus, now appear;<br/>arise, O Sun so longed for,<br/>o'er this benighted sphere.<br/>With hearts and hands uplifted,<br/>we plead, O Lord, to see<br/>the day of earth's redemption<br/>that sets your people free!</p> |
|--|--|

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Music: Swedish folk tune. Public Domain

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

... God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
... in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offertory Music: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

**DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**  
**Faye López**

**Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**ELW 188**

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 unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



Scan code to give now.

## **Offering Prayer in Unison**

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all  
those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



## Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution Songs: *My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW 438

### Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

2 You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

3 You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual Public Domain

### ***Creator of the Stars of Night***

**ELW 245**

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2 When this old world drew on toward night,  
you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blessed mother mild.
- 3 At your great name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
- 4 Come in your holy might, we pray,  
redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.
- 5 To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally. Amen.

Text: Latin hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Plainsong mode IV; arr. Lutheran Book of Worship  
Text © 1940 Church Pension Fund Arr. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress  
Used by permission. One License #A-718383

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Announcements

#### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

ACS 949



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



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
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.



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



## Change in Office Hours

Beginning this week, the office will be closed on Fridays. Please consider this in your planning purposes. Should you need access to the building, please make arrangements in advance.

## Christmas Eve

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday. We will have services at **4:00 & 6:00pm.**

## Christmas Morning

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. We will have one service at **10:00am.** This service is unique to Christmas Day and takes the place of our normal Sunday services. It's a beautiful way to enter into the day.

## Prayer List

Galen & Debbie Thomas

Bill Thurm

Brianna Tieskotter

Troy & Maria Troftgruben & family

Van & Shirley Waggoner

Roman & Maureen Weinberg &  
Family

Betty Westemeier

## Servants:

### Sunday, November 27

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita		Susan Hansen	Cartees
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Barb Lindecker	

### Sunday, December 4

<b>8:00 AM</b>		Diane Frambach		Deckers
<b>10:30 AM</b>			Luke Boyle	

## Acknowledgments

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress sb135015. Liturgies Annual License. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress.

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**  
**2899 Hales Mill Road**  
**Dubuque, IA 52002**  
(563) 582-7371  
[lordoflife.online](http://lordoflife.online)

**Lord of Life Lutheran Guest Wireless**  
Password: Lutheran

**Pastor**

Rev. Paul Amlin  
[pastor@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:pastor@lordoflifedbq.org)

**Administrative Assistant**

Rita Dienst  
[office@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:office@lordoflifedbq.org)

**Musician**

Jill Klinebriel  
[jill@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:jill@lordoflifedbq.org)

**NOW Worship Leader**

Bri Ensign  
[bri.ensign@gmail.com](mailto:bri.ensign@gmail.com)

**Choir Director**

Susan Hansen

**Faith Formation Coordinator**

Maria Troftgruben  
[faithformation@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:faithformation@lordoflifedbq.org)

**Administrative Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

