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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**1st Sunday in Advent**

**November 28th, 2021  
9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Acolyte:**

**Organist/Pianist:** Leila Gangstad

**Lay reader:** Tim Knutson

**Special Music: Leila Gangstad and Laure Buehrer**

**Sound/Video:** Hayden Moore, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Lee & Becky Okerlund, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** JULIACircle

### Prelude -Leila Gangstad

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait, **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 again of your saving grace.** **Amen.** 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. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”*  ELW 244

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Reading**

**Prayer –** O house of Jacob, come,

**let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen**

### 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.**

**Special Music *“Let All Things Now Living”***

***-Leila Gangstad and Laure Buehrer***

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

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

### Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

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

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

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

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

Remember 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.

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

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

**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**

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

### Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

(Before) The holy gospel according to Luke 3:1-6  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

### Children’s Sermon

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* ELW 249

### Prayers of Intercession

### Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

### *Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Vanco*

### Offering Prayer

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**Blessing**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “***Fling Wide the Door”* ELW 259

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**We Will! Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude -Leila Gangstad

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**Mission Project for November**

**Meals on Wheels / Manna of Worth County**

Announcements

**Congratulation to** Jason Johnson and Crystal Flattum on the baptism of their daughter, Valerie Marie Johnson. Her sponsors are Matt & Morgan Johnson, Dave & Jessica Reyerson, Wade & Callie Flattum and Rose DeBoer.

**We will not** be having Sunday School today.

**Thank you** for the charger, speaker and for thinking of me on my Confirmation Day. Thank you to Pastor Becky, it was fun!

-Kooper Julseth

**Thank you very much** for the bible I received. -Ayden Woodside

**If you** don’t have your pledge card with you but would like to fill one out, there are extras on the table near the sound booth.

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| **Weekly Attendance and Giving** | | | |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | | **Giving** |
| November 21 | 86 | | $1,861.00 |
| November 14 | 106 | $353.00 | |
| November 7 | 95 | $3,998.00 | |
| October 31 | 135 | $1,365.00 | |

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| **Weekly Calendar** | | | |
| Sunday, November 28 | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  | 10:10 am | | NO Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | | JH. Youth |
| Tuesday, November 30 | 11:00 am | | Staff Meeting |
|  | | 7:30 pm | AA –Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, December 1 | | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
|  | | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
|  | | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, December 2 | | 8:30am | Quilting |
|  | | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, December 5 | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  | 10:10 am | | Sunday School |
|  | | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |