



1st Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

*Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Congregation: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen***

L: 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 for reflection)

L: 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 worth of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

*L: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, attender 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.***

Sharing the Peace

*L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

Gathering Song – You are My All in All (video will play onscreen)

1. You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.

*Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.*

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name,
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up, when I am dry, You fill my cup,
You are my all in all. (*Refrain x2*)

Lighting the First Advent Candle

*L: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **C: Amen.***

Prayer of the Day – **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.**

Scripture Readings by Tanya Arvold

Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 550

The 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!

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

Psalm 122 p. 498

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Romans 13:11-14 p. 923

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 24:36-44 p. 806

³⁶"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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.
⁴⁴Therefore 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.**

Children's Message and Sermon

Pastor Curt Matz

Song of the Day – Light the Fire

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

Refrain: So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I've been (where I've been)
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

Apostle's 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 God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure!



Offering Song – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Verse: Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

Refrain: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high. (*Sing twice*)

Offering Prayer – Eternal God, you make the desert bloom, and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

L: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bring heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements

- Tomorrow 7pm Evening Bible Study (Revelation); bring a snack to share if you wish
- Advent services Wed. - 6:30pm soup supper followed by 7pm Holden Evening Prayer
- Sat. 11 am Decorating/Cookie Exchange
- Coming up: Dec. 5 Book Club; Dec. 10 ornament party
- Still needed: volunteers for our firewood program; contact the office if willing to help

Sending Song – All the World Awaits (by Chris Tomlin)

Verse 1

All the world awaits the promise of His birth
Open up the gates, heaven come to Earth
A host of angels sing our Savior here to dwell
The King of every King, our Emmanuel

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna hosanna hosanna
In the highest
Hosanna to our God

Verse 2

Behold the Son of Man here in a manger lay
Worthy is the Lamb for He has come to save
To take away our sin He freely gave His life
Born that we may live and in Him never die

Chorus

Hosanna (King Jesus), Hosanna (all praise)
Hosanna (come save us), (Hosanna He reigns)
In the highest
Hosanna to our God

Verse 3

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Glory to the newborn King

Chorus

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Hosanna (come save us), (Hosanna He reigns)
In the highest
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna to our God

Verse 4

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Ending

Hosanna hosanna hosanna hosanna
In the highest
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna to our God

Blessing and Dismissal

L: 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.

L: Go in peace. Christ is near. C: Thanks be to God!

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