

PART – IV

Celebration: We get ready for Christmas with JOY!

L: The Lord said through his messenger Paul, “As often as we eat this bread, and drink this cup,

C: Announce Jesus’ death until he comes again.”

L: What do you bring to the table of the Lord?

C: We bring flour and wine, food and drink—the stuff of life which helps our bodies—symbols of the stuff of eternal life, the love and forgiveness you use to help our spirits.

L: What are you looking for?

C: Lord, we want to celebrate. Come and fill us with the joy of your saving love through the Body and Blood which you gave and shed for us.

Stir Up Prayer for the 4th Sunday in Advent

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...

Stir up your power Lord, and come. Free us from the chains of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth. May we receive you with great joy and serve you gladly; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Worship: Jesus give us his Body and Blood.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Blessing

Song “Drawn to the Light” ELW #593

Dismissal

L: Go in Peace, Jesus is coming.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

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200 East 5th Street, Morris, MN 56267

Sunday, December 1, 2024 — “Stir Up, O Lord!”

Welcome and Explanation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath “People, Look East” ELW #248 vs 1

PART – I

Confession: Prepare for Christmas by giving God our sins.

Leader: In the Bible God commands us, “No one should come to God with empty hands.”

Congregation: See, Lord, our hands are not empty.

L: But look, your hands are dirty and stained. What is this?

C: Yes Lord, it’s true, our hands are stained. They are dirty from not loving others, from being selfish, & from not doing the good things you taught us. Lord, there are too many stains to count.

L: What do you bring to the table of the Lord?

C: We offer raisins and nuts, symbols of our shriveled, ugly sins, and our nutty, foolish ways. Sadly, Lord, this all we can bring by our own strength.

L: And what are you looking for?

C: We bring our sins and ask you to remove them.

Stir Up Prayer for the 1st Sunday in Advent

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...

Stir up your power Lord. Come! Protect us by your mercy and save us from the dangers of our sins. You live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

Act of Worship: God accepts our sins

L: Let’s confess our sins to God.

C: Holy and forgiving God, we confess to you that we have sinned by the bad things we do, and the good things we don’t do.

L: Our... ...we confess to the Lord.

C: Forgive us Lord.

L: I'm here to say God loves you, and because of Jesus' command, I'm telling you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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C: Amen.

Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (on screen)

PART – II

The Christian Life: Prepare for Christmas by growing more like Jesus.

L: God has told us, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength."

C: "And your neighbor as yourself."

L: What do you bring to the table of the Lord?

C: The sweet and tasty things of life—applesauce, oil, and sugar—symbols of the sweet and good life we want to live for you, Lord.

L: And what are you looking for?

C: Lord, show us the way to live, and guide us to live our lives so we will greet your return with joy.

Stir Up Prayer for the 2nd Sunday in Advent

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...

Stir up our hearts Lord, to prepare the way for your Son, Jesus.

By his coming give us strength in times of trouble, and shine light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Worship: God shows us how to live.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

(response to the reading)

L: In many and various ways God has spoken to the people of old through the prophets.

C: But now in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message "Growing into God"

Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" ELW #254

PART – III

The Second Coming: Prepare for Christmas remembering Jesus will come again.

L: The Lord has said, "They will see the Son of Man arriving in clouds with great power and glory.

C: Stay awake and watch, for you do not know when the time will come.

L: What do you bring to the table of the Lord.

C: We bring eggs, the symbol of the resurrection, OUR resurrection to eternal life at your coming.

L: What are you looking for?

C: Lord, teach us your peace—different from the world—and give us an idea of the perfect peace we will know in our resurrection at your coming. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Stir Up Prayer for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...

Stir up your power Lord and come. Give us a strong and living hope of our resurrection when you come again. Until then give us your peace to help us through our struggles; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Worship: God gives us peace with and through each other.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (Greet others: "Peace be with you.")

Offering

Midweek Advent:

Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11 & 18 at 6:00pm

Sunday School Christmas Program:

Sunday, December 15 at 11:00am

Coffee & Treats in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am

Christmas Eve Worship:

3:00pm: Family Service with Holy Communion

5:00pm: Candlelight Service with Holy Communion



Friendship Ministry Christmas Program

Friendship Ministry, a ministry for adults with disabilities, and CARE, Inc. will present their Christmas Program in costume telling the wonderful story of Christmas on Sunday, December 8th at 1:00pm at Faith Lutheran in Morris. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Christmas Toy Shoppe and Mitten Tree Donations

Monetary donations are also welcomed, along with donations of toys/gifts, blankets/quilts and of course hats/mittens/and scarves. They served almost 500 children last year. The distribution is set for the third Saturday in December, so all donations need to be brought in before worship on Sunday, December 15th. A donation box is located at the lower foyer.

Luther Crest Advent Family Retreat

Seniors on the Move invites their church family to join them at the Luther Crest Advent Family Retreat on December 6-8. A Saturday only event pass is also available. More information can be found in our December newsletter!

Pastoral Visits

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or homebound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Share & Care

This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief and meets at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

Zipporah Bible Study

meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us!

Coffee Hour

Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning prior to worship at 10:00am for coffee and treats. All are welcome!



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Simply Giving

Remember in your prayers

Tim Stoker, Anita Stoker, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

Today's Worship Servants: December 1

Ushers: Al Harris, Linda Holland, Jon Ulrich

Lector: Steve Just

Nursery: Michelle Just

Acolytes: Kenzie Just & Abigail Anderson

Video: Mike Odello

TV slides: Isaac Just

Accompanist: Suzanne Smith

Midweek Advent: Wed., December 4

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family

Video: Dave Jungst

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, December 8

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Brian Erdahl

Lector: Lindy Ekola

Acolytes: Giana Feuchtenberger & Zoe Krosch

Nursery: Bobbi Siegel

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Abram Suess

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

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