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Visiting Change: The Mountain



First Lutheran

CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024 | 9:30 A.M.

FIRST TIME?

Welcome to First Lutheran Church and Preschool! Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. Feel free to follow along and participate as you feel comfortable.

Restrooms are in located in our education room. Follow the signs as you exit the sanctuary or ask one of our ushers or greeters (they will be wearing name tags).

ABOUT AVENT

In the season of Advent, we anticipate the arrival of Jesus. You'll notice new decorations including the Advent wreath which has five candles. One is lit each Sunday in Advent with the final center candle, the Christ candle, being lit on Christmas.

This Advent and Christmas we will be focusing on how Jesus visit to earth comes with major change.

KIDS

The church is for all ages. Your kids are most welcome to stay in the worship service, even when they are making noise. If you feel they need a break, there is an unstaffed nursery available in our education room.

There is no Sunday school today as we will be decorating for Christmas after the service. Everyone is invited!

Bringing people together, in the midst of a hectic world, for fellowship and rest.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship today, we begin the season of Advent and a new sermon series. This series will look at prophetic readings from Isaiah about how when Jesus visits a place, it changes. We begin with mountains. God's blessings as you worship with us today.

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PRELUDE

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN

LSB #331 The Advent of Our King

Gather: Who are you most looking forward to gathering with this Christmas season?



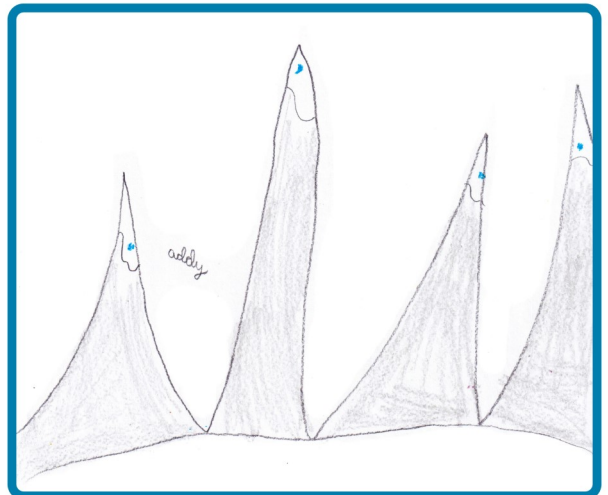
- 1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
- 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
- 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him-self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Sit



RITE OF BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

P: Sawyer, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Sawyer according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, serving Your name at all times with a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for those being baptized. Sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. Sponsors are to pray for those being baptized and support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Sponsors, is it your intention to serve Sawyer as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: **Yes, with the help of God.**

P: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C: **Amen.**

P: The congregation will now answer for Sawyer the following questions:
P: Do you renounce the devil?
C: **Yes, I renounce him.**
P: Do you renounce all his works?
C: **Yes, I renounce them.**
P: Do you renounce all his ways?
C: **Yes, I renounce them.**
P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
C: **Yes, I believe.**
P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
C: **Yes, I believe.**
P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C: **Yes, I believe.**

*Sawyer is baptized into the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
He will receive a white garment and a burning light
that will serve as reminders of his baptism.*

P: In Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
C: **Amen. We welcome you – Sawyer – in the name of the Lord.**

CHOIR: Light of Light

(Joel Raney)

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Jesus has visited us with forgiveness.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 122

P: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C: **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

C: **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

P: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

C: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"**

P: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

C: **For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

P: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

KYRIE

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Connect: What is your favorite mountain to hike or look at off in the distance?

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S CHAT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-12

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The armor of light here sounds a bit like the armor of God from Ephesians 6 (see page 979 in your English pew Bibles).

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: **Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON HYMN

LSB #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Stand

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Rest: When can
you find time to
rest between now
and Christmas?

THE PRAYERS

After each petition:

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pray with us this week. For today's prayers and more, please see the First Notes newsletter.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

LITURGY OF GENEROSITY

P: We have a generous God! We give thanks to the Lord for all He has given us.

C: We give back to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.

P: We wisely steward all of His good gifts.

C: The gifts of our time and energy.

P: The gifts of our talents and skills.

C: The gifts of our relationships and finances.

P: Lord, may each of these gifts you have entrusted to us be used for the good of Your people and to Your glory.

C: We have a generous God. Amen.

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PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

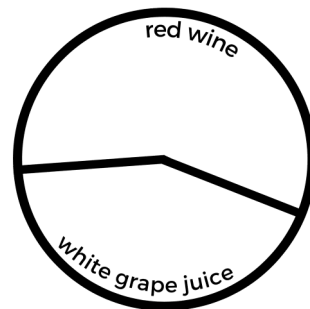
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol, we offer both white grape juice and red wine. The graphic shows how the wine and grape juice are divided in our communion trays. The ushers will invite you forward for the Lord's Supper. The pastor and communion assistant will offer you the bread, then the wine/grape juice. Once you have received both, place your used individual cup in one of the containers on the communion rail and return to your seat. If you have not taken communion with us before, please read our communion statement in the back of the bulletin before joining us in this sacrament. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor.



Reflect: If you could change one thing about your life today, what would it be?

COMMUNION HYMN

LSB #332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

This hymn is one of the oldest hymns in existence, written in the fourth century by Ambrose of Milan.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB #348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

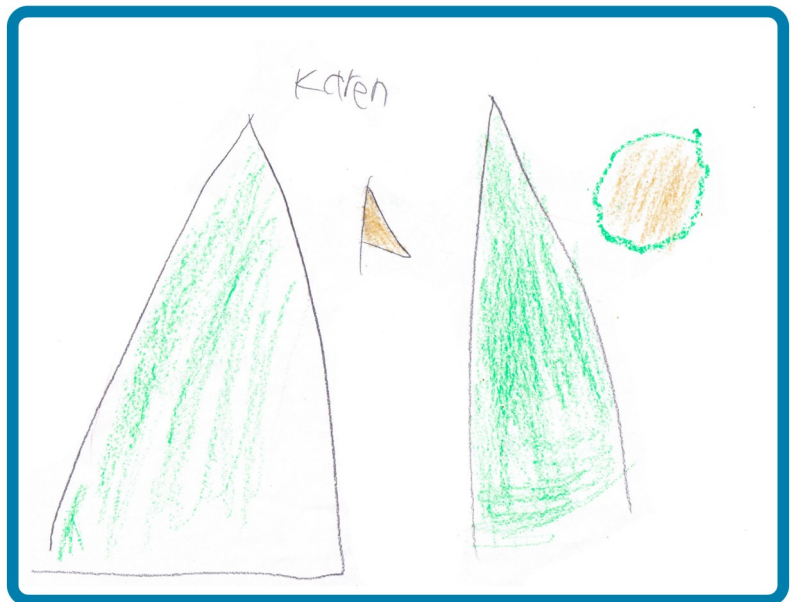


- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phunt breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

POSTLUDE



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Medinas, Carolyn Vanlandingham

Ushers: Eric Carr and Stan Forsstrom

Acolyte: Jonah Sinaga

Children's Chat: Pastor Andy

Reader: Jared Theiss

Communion Assistant: Bob Dottery

Sound: Ida Thomason

Livestream: Jeff McKenzie

Counters: Suzanne McDonald and Diana Cuva

Altar Guild: Bev Mueller and Terri Owens

Accompanist: Natasha Kung

Cookies: Dottery

OUR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND CHURCH STAFF

Natasha Beltran, Alex Drukov, Tammy Dube, Nicole Ford, Silvia Guillen, Moonyeen Jester, Pastor Andy Jones, Natasha Kung, Cindy Magos, Nicole Marchion, Mark Meyer, Valarie Ortega, Kala Rehm, Ruth Salguera, Jeni Smith, Heather Theiss, Anna Villalpando, Monica Zarate

ABOUT COMMUNION

First Lutheran Church and Preschool celebrates the Lord's Supper every Sunday in the joyful confidence that Christ our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Lord's Supper is intended for Christians who have been baptized, instructed in the faith, and who believe in these words of Christ: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Anyone who is not baptized or does not believe these words should refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper as our participation is a confession of our common faith.

Anyone who has not been instructed in the faith or holds a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desires to receive the Lord's Supper, is asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (pages 958-959 in the English pew Bibles). Those not receiving the Lord's Supper (both adults and children) are invited to come forward for a blessing.