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WOV - With One Voice

CH - Celebration Hymnal

LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

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First Sunday of Advent
December 3rd, 2023

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: *Fling Wide the Door*.....**LBW # 32**

GreetingLBW p. 78

Advent Kyrie

P: O Lord, have mercy and come to us.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation:

C: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

P: O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

C: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

P: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

C: Come quickly to deliver us.

P: O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

C: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Hymn of Praise: *The Magnificat*.....**Insert** *(Please leave insert in pew after service)*

Prayer of the Day: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

P: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. We light candles for the four weeks of Advent and reflect on the coming of Christ- as a child in a manger, God incarnate, and as the Lord of the living and the dead who promises to return in glory. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of **hope**, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(The candle is lit- we join in singing verse one of LBW # 34)

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Men: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

P: We join with our sisters and brothers in Christ, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent Journey.

Women: Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved.

Men: Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

C: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Verse: *Alleluia*... and Gospel Acclamation LBW p. 83

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *The Day is Surely Drawing Near*.....**LBW # 321**

Nicene Creed.....LBW p. 84

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering

Offering Response: *Let the Vineyards* LBW p. 86

Prayer: *Merciful Father* LBW p. 87

The Great ThanksgivingLBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)LBW p. 89

The Words of InstitutionLBW p. 89

The Lord's PrayerLBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)LBWp. 92

***Note to our guests:** As your church’s tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution

The King Shall Come**LBW # 33**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding.....LBW # 37

The Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord..... LBW p. 92*

The Post-Communion PrayerLBW p. 94

The Benediction and Amen LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *My Lord, What a Morning.....WOV # 627*

Chimes and Postlude

A warm and gracious Welcome! to all who join in worship today. May God bless our time together as we enter the season of Advent. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for refreshments and conversation.

Poinsettia order forms...are found in today’s bulletin. You may fill them out and drop them off at the church office or you may call the office and place your order by phone.

Advent devotionals from the NALC... are available on the small table inside the wooden door entrance.

Omelet Brunch...Saturday, December 9th from 8-11 a.m. at the **Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly. Free Will Offering.** Visit the Bazaar: to start off your Christmas shopping: Cookies, baked goods, candy, crafts, pictures with Santa.

Grafton Cemetery Association... Total raised from the ***Bartz/Henkle New Shed Party: \$2,026.*** Money from the annual collection: ***\$1,385.*** Thank you to all who contributed!

Sunday, November 26th: **Attendance: 110** **Offering:** General: \$1,484
Benevolence: \$30/ Thanksgiving offering: \$795 Building: \$90 Campership: \$200
Sunday School: \$21

For Pastoral Care... contact Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675 or Sharon Hulshizer at the office or 641-425-7775.

This Week at Emmanuel December 4 th -10 th		
Wednesday, December 6 th	1:00 p.m.	Connection Group Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30-7 p.m.	AWANA Club
Sunday, December 10 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Presentation of Bibles (2 nd Graders)
	10:40 a.m.	Fellowship, Sunday School

Dates to remember in December:

Sunday, December 17th: Worship w/ Noisy Offering/ ***SS Children’s Christmas Program during service/ Logos Legos Cookie Walk***

Sunday December 24th: Christmas Eve Day service at 9:30 a.m.
Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th: No service: Enjoy Christmas Day with family and friends



Advent wreaths and candles are more than just pretty Christmas decorations. The arrangement of an evergreen wreath with four candles (five, if you choose to feature one for Christmas Day itself) has special meaning and is used to put our focus on the upcoming celebration of Jesus' birth.

An Advent wreath is circular and symbolizes everlasting life and unending love. The arrangement is used to put our attention on the meaning of Christmas. The candles put our focus on hope, faith, joy and peace. A new candle is lit each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.