

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 9:00 AM

Worship Service

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

WOV #630

Verse 1

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p. 94-95, Right column

Gathering Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW #244

Greeting and Kyrie

ELW p. 203

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray....

C: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,**

nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember 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.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**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

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

ELW p. 205

L: The Holy Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Story Time

Message

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

ELW #250

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing God's Peace

Offering/Offertory Hymn **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”** **ELW #186,**
Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **Sung from page 7 of the Gather Hymnal**

Blessing

Sending Hymn **“My Lord, What a Morning”** **ELW #438**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**



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ORGANIST: Cecelia Kulseth
LECTOR: Kari Miest

VISITATION DEACON: Lyla Klee
HYMN LEADER: Terry Engel

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Prayer Concerns: Doug Anderson, Jana Falk, Al Adams, Creig Noren, Erma Griffith, Ellie Kulseth, Sandra Resick, Sam Christenson, Audrey Swanson, Everett Wright, Melissa Anderson, Gerry Swenson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Deb Style, Gary Schwanz, Karla Schwanz, Charles Noren, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, Mary Ann Menssen, Emma Overson, Lanny Overson, Jim Sizer, Ray Kleinow, and Mavis Warling

Activities this week: November 29 – December 5

- Monday** 10:00 am Weekly Prayer meeting on Zoom, see website for the link
- Tuesday** 1:00 pm Text Study, Pastor
 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
- Wednesday** **TLC – Cancelled until January 12, 2022**
 4:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 6:30 pm 9th/10th Grade Confirmation
- Thursday** 7:00 pm AES Council Meeting (A)
- Sunday** 9:00 am Worship, Communion - Augustana – Facebook
 10:00 am Coffee Hour, Augustana
 10:45 am Worship, Communion - East – Facebook



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Announcements –

Pr. Mandy and family will be on vacation through the 29th. Deacon Lyla Klee will be on call for Pr. Mandy. Her phone number is 507-439-6940.

Pastor Mandy is in need of child care for both boys. If anyone has any leads on licensed daycare or someone who can nanny 4 days a week, please contact Pastor Mandy.

For the month of November, there will be a **Watonwan County Food Shelf Thanksgiving Food Basket** in the front of church by the pulpit. Please donate and share!

TLC IS POSTPONED until January 12, 2022.

Family Meal Giveaways are every Thursday in December except the 23rd & 30th. Meals can be picked up at Northside Elementary through the front loop.

WATONWAN COUNTY FOOD SHELF IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! Families, churches, organizations, youth groups are all welcome! Not on our link are the days that Second Harvest delivers food to the food shelf. This occurs the second and fourth Thursday of each month. If you would be interested in helping to unload items off pallets and stock shelves on these days, please respond to us and we can add you to the list! Email at wfoodshelf@gmail.com, or call 507-621-4264.

The High School Food Pantry is in need of socks and personal care items (shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.) for students. If you are able to purchase any of these items to be donated, please bring them to Augustana during regular church office hours and place them in the box outside of Pastor Mandy's office. Pastor Mandy will then deliver them to the high school. Thank you!

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting their Annual **Swedish Meatball Dinner Fundraiser** on Sunday, December 5th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the St. James American Legion. Free will donation. Curbside pickup and to-go orders are available. Call 375-5990 for curbside orders.

Are you a Caregiver of an older adult? WELLSRING offers a Caregiver Support Group on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm at Prairie View** in St. James. Please call Wellspring at (507)375-1276 for more details and to register.

All are invited to a **holiday concert** featuring Karla Beck on organ and piano and Karla Jurgemeyer on flute. It will be held at First Lutheran Church, St. James at 4 p.m., Sunday, December 5. You are welcome to come from 3:30-4:00 for warm apple cider and Christmas treats. Attendees will listen to special selections and join in on a hymn sing, too. The concert celebrates Karla Becks 35th year as First's church organist. Come and enjoy!

Join us on Monday, November 29th at 6:30 pm at the St. James High School's Little Theater and hear Ross Sutter and his group perform Swedish music, songs, dancing and storytelling. This is a show that they have done at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis for 25 years and promises to be entertaining for all ages! This is made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Legacy Amendment.

The Altar Committee will be ordering Poinsettias to decorate the church. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for \$10.00, please send your donation and form1 to the Church Office by ***Thursday, December 16th***. Forms are being sent in the December Newsletter.

Augustana is in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour on Sunday's. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen if you are interested in volunteering.