

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

WE PRAY: Our excitement leaps unbounded, heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, for Your unspeakable generosity which assures us peace in time and hope for all eternity in our Lord, Jesus Christ; through the same-Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

D. Cherwein

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

TLH 62

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

- 1** Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2** Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 3** Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing night;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4 Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you

all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord? Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Advent

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

P: 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.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ¹⁵ ‘In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A

Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this *is the name* by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

EPISTLE

1 Thess. 3: 9-13

For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 25th verse.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Luke 21: 25-36

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." ²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the

face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)

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 men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 of the world to come. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM **“Advent Processional”** **A.L. Page**

SERMON **“The Most Important Days”** **Jer 33:14-16**

OFFERTORY

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

“Prepare the Way”

J. Mansfield

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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N O V E M B E R

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021



WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY on this First Sunday in Advent as together we enter a New Church Calendar Year. Joy and hope come together in our lives as they did for the lives of those who heard the Word of the LORD as foretold through God's prophet Jeremiah. In Advent we remember Jesus' First Coming as foretold by the prophets to rescue us from sin and death. We also remember this season that Jesus comes to us right now in His word and Sacraments to forgive our sins and to save us. "Behold Your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation" proclaims our Introit today! In this season, we also celebrate the truth that Jesus is coming again soon in great power and in glory to save us and to reveal the fullness of His Kingdom to us. We focus on our Lord Jesus, the Son of David as the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, and as the agent of our restoration in righteousness before God. We learn this morning that Jesus' days on earth are "those days" that Jeremiah speaks of, the very days that bring meaning and hope to all other days...those before us, and those after us. Come and worship with us again soon in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those receiving hospice care at home: Leona Kolb, Donna Noll.

For Daily strength and healing: Rob Rau, Bob Skurda, Ingrid Stuhldreer, Julie Hingst and Rowland Short

Lou Mueller- who was injured in a fall at his home one week ago.

Bill Shepard- who was recently hospitalized for an infection.

Those treated for cancer: Lisa Zimmermann, Shiela Rice, Keith Josefiak, Dr. Richard Dunlap, Lori Dane, Michael Churchill, Roy Koeppe, Jennifer Gade Dickerson, Mirjam Cascione.

THE JUDELAIRE CONCERT will be held next Friday, December 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Due to covid 19, the Judelaires ask that masks be worn by all guests coming to the concert. There will be NO afterglow in our Library this year due to Covid-19.

Next Vestry Meeting: Thursday December 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Next Membership Meeting: Sunday December 12th @ 9:30 a.m. between services.

CTK'S LIVING NATIVITY

is set for Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each year, Christ the King Lutheran Church hosts the Living Nativity as the church's gift to the community. For over two decades we have had the blessing of putting Christ back into Christmas with beautiful carols, live animals and the re-enactment of Jesus' birth through our children. Performances take place every 45 minutes and children are invited to sign up to play a part. Preschool and Sunday School children are encouraged to participate and talk to their teachers about signing up for a time slot. Youth Group children are encouraged to sign up for the various volunteer opportunities. Help is always needed to dress children, serve food, or otherwise chip in any way you can! Please contact Nancy Josefiak to sign up - 313-410-9740. Sign up form is enclosed with bulletin.

PRESCHOOL SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

It's time to think about Christmas gifts which means it's time for our preschool Scrip fundraiser! If you give gift cards for Christmas gifts, or other gifts, please consider ordering them from the preschool. We receive a percentage of each gift card sold and you receive a gift card just as if you purchased it at a store. A table will be set up beginning November 12th for you to take a look at participating restaurants, stores, motels, gas stations, and so much more. All orders are due in by December 2nd. Thank you so much for your support!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC

for next Sunday, 12/05: "**Because We Belong**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us. (Luke 1:5-25) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at www.lhm.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In his book, "The Power of Pure Stewardship", Rev. Carl Berner provides the following illustration to explain stewardship.

"Stewardship means that life is like a great ship loaded with cargo to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the owner of the ship and its cargo, but He has made me the captain." All that God has placed aboard the ship of life—time, talents, treasures, ability to think and to work—all is God's cargo to be delivered according to His will. May God grant us wisdom and strength to be His faithful captains of our ships.

LIFE THOUGHTS

"Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God

who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshipping.” Rev. Mike Novotny, *Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

ALTAR GUILD

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey.



ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:
 8:15 Worship Service: 42
 Communion: 33
 10:45 Worship Service: 51
 Monday Service: 8
 Sunday Bible Class: 8
 Wednesday Bible Class: 6



NOVEMBER 2021 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS			
<u>Envelope & Plate Receipts Only</u>			
Week #	2021	2020	
1	\$ 8,216	\$	5,622
2	5,727		4,775
3			
4			
5			
Month-to-Date Total	<u>\$ 13,943</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,397</u>
Yearly Total	<u>\$ 267,035</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>237,962</u>

1-1-1 Missions Update		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$ 58	\$ 1,894