

**First Lutheran**  
relationships that transform



# Advent

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022**

## Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church.

We worship God using the form of worship which has been used by Christians throughout church history, which is commonly called “liturgical worship.” Liturgy is defined as the “work of the people,” which means that this is a participatory form of worship for all people, whether leading from the front, or singing and responding as a part of the congregation.

In worship, we come out of the chaos of the world to prepare ourselves to meet God, who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Through confession/forgiveness, prayer, and proclamation of the Word of God, we are led to the center of our worship which is the celebration of Holy Communion (also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist). It is in that act of eating and drinking the true body and blood of Jesus in the forms of bread and wine, that we make a sacred connection with God. As our worship concludes, we are sent back into the world, as people who have been changed by an encounter with God, to be light in the midst of the chaos and confusion of the world.

FLC regularly supports the work of the following ministries of our denomination and community:

- Longview Community Ministries
- Newgate Mission
- Texas Ramps Project
- Living Water International
- Lutheran World Relief
- Lutheran Disaster Response

Any time you would like to contribute to these ministries, you may label your offering as such, and the church office will forward the money to the appropriate place.



An assistive listening system is available in our sanctuary. This is a state of the art system by Anchor Audio, it is durable and delivers great sound quality.

You may select a receiver from the basket in the rear of the sanctuary, near the sound booth; please return it following worship.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 2022      8:15 am & 10:45 am**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:45 am)**

Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend children's church. Meet the leader at the back of the sanctuary. The children's church meets in the chapel. The children will return to the service just before Holy Communion.

*Please stand*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;  
the world, and they that dwell therein.

**Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

## SONG

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**  
**We have strayed from your paths.**  
**We prepare for war instead of peace.**  
**We dishonor one another and your creation.**  
**Purify us with your refining fire**  
**and set us again on your way of love,**  
**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**  
**and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst,  
a tender branch,  
a living sign.  
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.  
You have put on + Christ,  
and your sins have been washed away.  
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## SONG:

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain*  
Re-joyce! Re-joyce!



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 21:1 – 5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>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 forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
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 any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 13:11 – 14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from



heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36 – 44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SILENT REFLECTION

*Please stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY

### The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant 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.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,**

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

**Congregational response: Hear our prayer**

God of our longing.....in Jesus name we pray.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the notes. The first staff has a treble clef and the second staff has a bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

## OFFERING ANTHEM

Please stand

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.*

### He Came Down

The image shows the first line of musical notation for the hymn 'He Came Down'. It is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note, and then a series of eighth notes. There are two triplet markings over the eighth notes. The line ends with a quarter rest.

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;

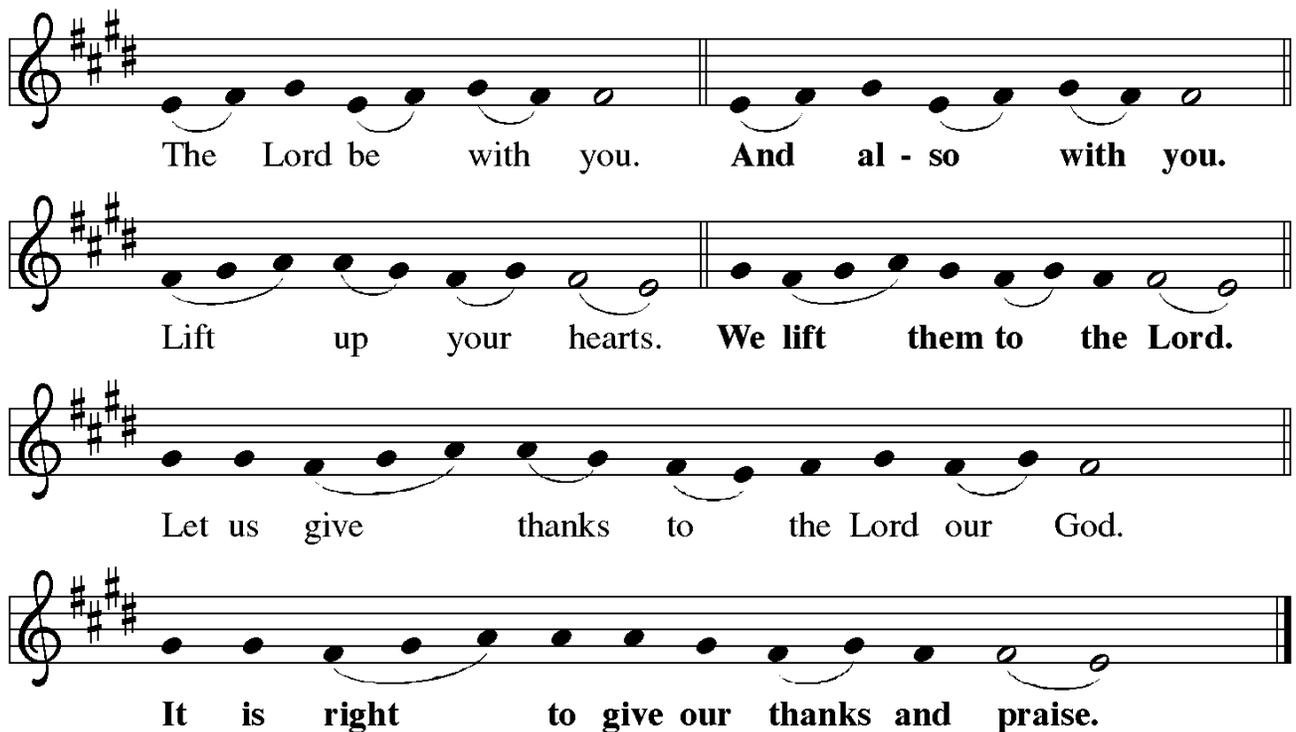
The image shows the second line of musical notation for the hymn 'He Came Down'. It continues on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody continues with eighth notes and quarter notes, including two triplet markings. The line ends with a quarter note followed by a double bar line.

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. . . .

*Please be seated.*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. We teach that Holy Communion is a celebration of the real presence of Christ under forms of bread and wine. For those who prefer, cups in the center ring of the tray are filled with white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing, signal this by crossing your arms against your chest.*

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God  
Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y

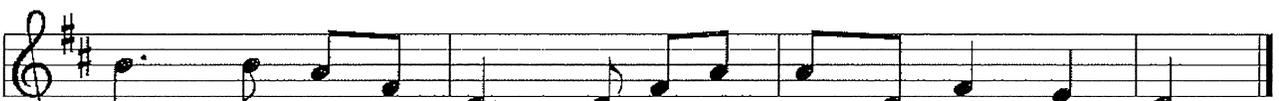


sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. *Sing refrain twice*

O Lamb of



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Please join in singing the distribution hymn.

ADVENT

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Gm Eb Dm Gm Eb F Gm

1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;

Eb Dm Gm Eb F Gm

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Cm Dm<sup>7</sup> Eb Bb Gm Dm

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Eb Bb Gm Dm Gm Eb F Gm

dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*Please stand*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

### CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.  
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.  
Guide us toward your promised future,  
in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

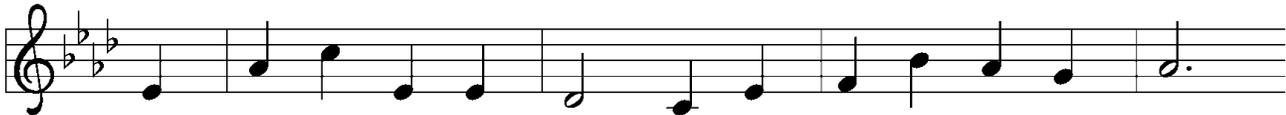
May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Go in peace. We are formed and loved by Christ to Live!  
**Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Flowers on the altar today are given by Patty Lowe in memory of John Lowe.**



**Benefiting the families of Longview Child Development Center**

We have 10 children to provide for this year. Please help to make this Christmas bright for these families by choosing an Angel or two from the tree. Give your contact information next to the name you chose on the list, and buy the items indicated. Gifts should be returned to the Church by December 16<sup>th</sup>, wrapped, and tagged with the Angel you chose. We will deliver them on December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help with delivery, please contact Renee Slegeir at 903-295-1368 or 903-736-8546.

I have  
HIDDEN YOUR WORD  
*in my heart,*  
that I might not sin against you.  
Psalm 119:11

### **Bible Studies This Week**

**Sunday morning 9:30 am Studying John**

**Sunday evening at 6:00 pm Studying**

**Mark.**



*Merry Christmas*

**Annual Secret Prayer**

**Partner Brunch**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**See table in narthex for more information.**



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY  
SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX.**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 28	Tuesday, November 29	Wednesday, November 30
<b>8:00 am</b> Homeschool group <b>9:30 am</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>10:15 am</b> Meals with Love	<b>3:30 pm</b> Success Center <b>5:30 pm</b> Fitness Class <b>6:30 pm</b> BB Recovery Group	<b>10:00 am</b> Quilters <b>5:30 pm</b> Family Dinner <b>5:45 pm</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>5:45 pm</b> Mentoring Plus <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir <b>7:00 pm</b> Youth Group
Thursday, December 1	Friday, December 2	Saturday, December 3
<b>3:30 pm</b> Success Center <b>5:30 pm</b> Fitness Class		<b>9:30 am – 11:30 am</b> Secret Prayer Partner Brunch <b>10:00 am</b> Classy Quilters
Sunday, December 4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Volunteer Schedule this week: November 27	Volunteer Schedule next week: December 4
<b>8:15 am</b> Worship w/ Holy Communion <b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:00 am</b> Choir Rehearsal Worship w/ Holy Communion <b>6:00 pm</b> Bible Study	<b>Lector:</b> <b>8:15 am:</b> Bill Anderson <b>10:45 am:</b> Bill Anderson <b>Communion:</b> <b>Set up:</b> Ed & Doris Bero <b>Clean Up:</b> Eva Touchstone <b>Offering Counters:</b> Teresa DeShazer Cole Paschall	<b>Lector:</b> <b>8:15 am:</b> Aaron Reynoso <b>10:45 am:</b> Kathleen Bullock <b>Communion:</b> <b>Set up:</b> Carolyn Ramirez <b>Clean Up:</b> Lucy Maxwell <b>Offering Counters:</b> Roger Lineberry Rachel Grundmann

## **Prayer Needs**

Please send all prayer requests and updates to the church office at: [prayerchain@firstlutheran.us](mailto:prayerchain@firstlutheran.us)

### **FLC Members**

The family of Warren Gamel who died on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Roger Lineberry's extended family needs prayer because of the death of his sister-in-law.

Eva Touchstone's brother-in-law, Scott's brother, died this week in Idaho.

Linda Kaplan is having treatments for lung cancer.

Mary Stuart is recovering from a broken arm.

Kim Cook is recovering from broken ribs, a shoulder injury and bruises from being hit by a truck.

Jenn Belcourt is having treatments for non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Phyllis Kendrick, who is having treatments for esophageal cancer.

Paula Kaplan is in need of healing, strength, wisdom and peace.

Bob and Pat Mueller need prayers for strength.

Debbie Graham suffers with Multiple System Atrophy-Cerebellar type.

Pray for wisdom for our church leadership

### **Family and Friends of FLC Members**

Joyce Hanson, Deb Paschall's cousin, has cancer.

Carter Smith, friend of Cole Paschall, is having a recurrence of Leukemia.

Rachel Paschall, daughter in law of Cole and Deb Paschall, who has MS.

Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Those who are imprisoned.

Pray for church growth, numerically and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

The homeless

### **Members Serving in the Military**

Eric Jenkins – Air Force, Seoul, South Korea

Terrina Anderson – U.S. Army Norfolk, VA

Timothy Martin – Navy

**November 27, 2022**

## **Time to Wake Up**

Advent is a season of waking up. Even as the days grow darker, we are awoken to the light of truth about our lives, the world, and, ultimately, God. But no one really *likes* being woken from sleep, real or metaphorical. No one likes being pulled from a cozy blanket to a crowded commute, from dreams to reality, from what's comfortable and "always has been" to what's actually happening right now. It's why when we have pivotal, perhaps painful moments in our lives in which we become aware of something previously hidden, or about which we shed the veil of denial, we refer to them as "wake-up calls."

Yet it is never God's intent to hurt us by rousing us from sleep. It is not to punish us for our past mistakes, to expose our inner failings to the world, or to add to the already deep well of shame that so many of us carry. *It is for our good* that God comes to reveal that which was hidden, breaking into our world as human flesh and blood. And it is for our good that, through our baptism, we are able to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14). The divine image is revealed in you, and in every friend and stranger. God knows, loves, and takes delight in each of us.

That is why nations will beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and their guns into gravel to build a highway for our God. We won't *need* to learn war anymore, as the prophet says (Isaiah 2:4), because you can't raise arms against your own kin, another person in whom the living Christ dwells.

This season is a time for us to awaken to this new reality: at any moment, and at every moment, Christ lives among and within us, helping us rub the sleep out of our eyes, and revealing a different way.

Welcome to Advent.

## **Assisting In Worship Today**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Jeff Borgwardt

**Musicians:** Donna Ashby, Pat Mueller  
and The Chancel Choir

**Live Stream: 8:15 am** Deb Butts

**10:45 am** Diane Borgwardt

**Lectors: 8:15 am:** Bill Anderson

**10:45 am:** Bill Anderson

**Flowers:** Debbie Sadler

## **Church Staff**

Jeffrey E. Borgwardt, Pastor

Donna Ashby, Director of Music

John Parsons, Dir. of Youth and Family Min.

Tina Sewell, Secretary

Teresa DeShazer, Bookkeeper

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