

1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & School”

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Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahm

Welcome, Friend!

You Have Come To The Right Place!

Jesus Loves YOU!

WELCOME

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future.

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Worship Theme

“Be Ready for Christ’s Second Coming

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: CWH 313 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Please rise

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(spoken)*

Confession

Pastor: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Congregation: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *(sung response)*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(spoken)*

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

Prayer and Praise *(sung)*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(spoken)*

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor & Congregation:

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ²In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.⁵Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 18 (selected verses)

Reader: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.

Congregation: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

Reader: He reached down from on high and took hold of me.

Congregation: He rescued me from my powerful enemy.

Reader: He brought me out into a spacious place.

Congregation: He rescued me because he delighted in me.

Reader: You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning.

Congregation: My God turns my darkness into light.

Reader: You save the humble.

Congregation: But bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

Reader: You give me your shield of victory.

Congregation: And your right hand sustains me.

Reader and Congregation:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Congregational Response:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please stand for the second lesson.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn: CWH 301 – Savior of the Nations Come

(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Sermon Theme: Jesus Prepares Our Hearts for Advent

1. With an example from past history. Verses 36-39
2. With an illustration of present reality. Verses 40, 41
3. With the anticipation of future glory. Verses 42-44

Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴²“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Offering to the Lord

Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of church.

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

General Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Participation in the Lord’s Supper: The Lord’s Supper is described in I Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason, we ask that all communicants be repentant, confirmed members of the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** *(spoken)*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.** *(spoken)*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: **It is good and right so to do.** *(spoken)*

Pastor: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *(sung)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen. *(spoken)*

O Christ, Lamb of God *(sung)*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace.

Amen.

The Distribution

Song of Simeon *(sung)*

Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your Word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: And his mercy endures forever. *(spoken)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregational Response: Amen. *(spoken)*

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen. *(sung)*

Closing Hymn: CWH 327, verse 1 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

"Our Mission Statement"

(Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Piano: Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Andrew Olson. Thank you.

Next Week: December 4, 2022

Musicians: Praise Band leads worship.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal

Coming this week at

St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School

Wednesday, November 30

Advent Worship 8:15AM

Friday, December 2

Boys & Girls BB Games HOME vs. St. Paul's/Zion
St. Marcus Boys A-Team BB Tourney – First game 8:00PM

Saturday, December 3

St. Marcus Boys A-Team BB Tourney

Sunday, December 4

9:30AM – Bible Class
10:30AM – Worship Service
Praise Band leads worship

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Carol Service

St. Philip's Cherub Choir sings for Worship

Thursday, December 22

St. Philip's Lutheran School Christmas Program 6:00PM

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship with communion 10:30AM

December Calendar and Text Sheet will be included with next week's bulletin.



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Lutheran Chorale Christmas Concert—Kick off the Christmas concert season with the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 and 4:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (6802 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee). Under the direction of Levi Nagel, the Chorale will present its "Prelude to Christmas" concert with the theme "Hail Redemption's Dawn." The 4:30 p.m. concert will be by candlelight. A freewill offering will be collected to support the choir's ministry. More info at lutheranchorale.org.

JESUS CARES MINISTRIES – CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The students of Jesus Cares Ministries would like to invite you to the 2022 Worship at the Cross - Christmas Service, "Away in a Manger".

It will be held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 6700 S. Howell Ave, Oak Creek, WI, on December 10th, 2022, at 1:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Concert—The Seminary Chorus, a 68-voice choir composed of men studying for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 and 7 p.m. in the auditorium (11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon). The program includes anthems by the choir and hymns for the congregation. The Seminary Chorus is directed by Prof. Aaron Christie and has toured throughout the country in its 91-year history. The 3 p.m. concert will be live streamed at livestream.com/WLSLive and recorded for later viewing at the same link.

WLC Choir Concert—The Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir and Chamber Choir present their Christmas Festival Concert Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at wlc.edu/boxoffice or by calling 414-443-8802.

WLC Band Concert—The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band will present its Christmas Festival Band Concert on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at wlc.edu/boxoffice or by calling 414-443-8802.

WLHS Drama Production: *The Matchmaker*—Tickets are on sale now for the WLHS fall drama production *The Matchmaker* on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. Thornton Wilder's uproarious farce about love and money stars the irrepressible busybody, Dolly Gallagher Levi. Through Dolly's subtle machinations, several unlikely couples come together to find happiness in 19th-century New York. Purchase tickets at wlhs.org/drama ahead of time for a discounted rate found only online. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

WLHS Sacred Choral Christmas Concert—WLHS choral department will present their Sacred Choral Christmas Concert, "Let Our Gladness Have No End" on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The concert will feature the Freshman and A Cappella choirs, Inspiration Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir, and Jubilation Handbells. Seating is general admission with a free-will door offering. The concert will also be livestreamed at wlhs.org.

WLHS Christmas Chamber Ensembles Concert—The WLHS Christmas Chamber Ensemble Concert will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and feature small instrumental ensembles, Jubilation Handbells, Inspiration Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir, and the Wisco Kids show choir. Musical selections will include a variety of genres, including popular, jazz, and familiar Christmas season tunes. Seating is general admission with a free-will door offering. The concert will also be livestreamed at wlhs.org.

WELS Night at the Bucks!

Join us this December for 🍷 WELS Night at the Bucks! 🍷

Deadline to buy tickets ends November 28, 2022.

Join other WELS members December 30, 2022, at Fiserv Forum to watch the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Minnesota Timberwolves. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Learn more at <https://wels.net/event/wels-night-at-the-bucks/>.

WELS NIGHT T-SHIRTS: Get your EXCLUSIVE WELS Night at the Bucks t-shirt to wear to the game with fellow WELS members!

Get discounted tickets: <https://wels.net/event/wels-night-at-the-bucks/>

Buy t-shirts: <https://welsstore.net/.../wels-night-at-the-bucks...>

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The word advent means “coming.” Christians celebrate the season of Advent as a time of preparation and reflection in anticipation of Christ’s coming to earth at Christmas.

The Advent wreath itself, a circle, represents the unending love of God. Evergreens adorning the wreath symbolize the hope of eternal life. The four candles set in the wreath represent the four Sundays until Christmas Day. Some traditions add a fifth candle, the Christ candle.

The lighting of the candles each week in Advent marks the growing anticipation for the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

1. The Prophecy Candle: Also called the Hope Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the Old Testament prophecies of Christ’s coming.
2. The Bethlehem Candle: Also called the Peace Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary in the town of Bethlehem.
3. The Shepherds’ Candle: Also called the Joy Candle, this rose-colored candle symbolizes the coming of the Savior into the hearts and lives of believers, like the shepherds and like us.
4. The Angels’ Candle: Also called the Good News Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the final glorious coming of the Savior with all his angels on the Last Day.
5. The Christ Candle: This white candle symbolizes the day of Jesus’ birth, the coming we’ve been waiting for, the advent of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Be Ready for Christ's Second Coming

The First Sunday in Advent—A

God's Word for Today

With Advent God's people enter a new year of grace. The word "Advent" means "coming." While we generally think of Advent as preparing us for our Savior's first coming to this earth, the first Sunday in Advent highlights Christ's second coming on Judgment Day. God urges us to be ready for him with a life of ongoing repentance, watchfulness and spiritual renewal.

First Lesson (Isaiah 2:1-5)

1. What is the "mountain of the Lord's temple"?
2. How do we know that the peace referred to in verse 4 is a *spiritual* peace, not an *earthly* peace?

Second Lesson (Romans 13:11-14)

3. In what way is our salvation "nearer now than when we first believed"? (v. 11)
4. How do you "clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ"? (v. 14)

Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44)

5. In what way is the great Flood similar to Jesus' return on Judgment Day?
6. Why do you think Jesus didn't reveal to us the exact time of his second coming?

Answers:

1. The "mountain of the Lord's temple" was an expression also used by Micah in his book (4:1). It refers to us, to God's New Testament church. Isaiah is prophesying the coming Savior whose work would bring the most important time in the history of Israel or Jerusalem. That means, do not focus on the mountain on which the temple was built. Focus on God's undeserved love for sinners, which will draw people to him, just like the Israelites were drawn to the temple in Jerusalem.
2. Since the fall into sin, there has been no promise from God of peace *on earth*. Through the coming Savior's forgiveness we have peace *with God*. (See also Luke 1:77-79 and Romans 5:1.)
3. Each day of our life brings us that much closer to the goal of our faith, eternity with our God.
4. You clothe yourself with Christ through faith in him. While an unbeliever has no natural ability to believe in Jesus or come to him, a believer in Christ, a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17), chooses to read Scripture, attend worship, study the Bible with others, and apply the Bible to his or her life. To "clothe yourself with Christ" practically means to immerse yourself in God's Word.
5. Just as Noah warned the people of his day, our God has warned his world about Jesus' second coming. Yet, it will take many by surprise; then, as in the days of Noah, it will be too late.
6. Certainly Jesus knows what we are like. He knows that we procrastinate, that we are often spiritually lazy, and that we can succumb to false security. If we knew the date of his return, no doubt many would succumb to these. In his love he doesn't tell us when he will return.